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Town and School Reports — 1973

AMHERST
New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.

for the
Year Ending December 31, 1973

Also
Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1973

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DEDICATION



To a generous lady, who gave freely of her time and energy to the betterment of the Town and its citizens of all ages, as a teacher, a member of the School Board, to community organizations and activities and whose pen accurately described the current events as they unfolded from week to week. For all of which a grateful community says "Thank you, Dorothy Davis" and we shall miss the "Gadfly".

COVER PHOTO

Lloyd Perreault, Nashua

TOWN OFFICERS — 1973

Population in June 1973 — 6632

Moderator

M. A. Wight, Jr.

Selectmen

Edward C. Masten, Chairman 1975

James Enright, Resigned

Ex-Officio — Edward Masten

Francis Perry, 1974

Barbara H. Landry, Secretary

Town Clerk

Bernice Boothroyd

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Town Treasurer

Marion Sortevik

Road Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Auditors

Orson H. Bragdon

Stephen Noble

Road Commissioner

Harold Warner, 1974

Merick Arnold, 1975

Everett Leach, 1976

Supervisors of the Checklists

Audrey Spalding, '74

Rosemary Biddle, '76

Robert Wishart, '78

Town Counsel

William R. Drescher

Trustees of the Trust Funds

David T. Ramsey, '74

Harry R. Mitiguy, '75

Edward A. Conti, '76

Library Trustees

Lucy Ramsey, 1974

E. Daniel Johnson, 1975

Margaret Gray, 1974

John Manning, 1976

Ann Keefe, 1975

Elizabeth Lyle, 1976

Ways and Means Committee

Elizabeth Puddington, Chairman

Donald Eger

Marian Williston

W. Allan Hebner

Thomas Grella

John Melrose, Sr.

John Keefe

Police Department

	James F. Tinker, Jr.	Chief
John Osborn	Albert Junkins	Arnold Dickinson, Resigned
David Ricard	Robert Handy	Richard Lafabvre, Resigned
Clinton Simmons	John Quinlan	David Watson, Resigned
David Bode	Joann Osborn	Alice Wagner, Resigned
John Murphy		John Bennett, Resigned

Board of Adjustment

	Howard Boothroyd, Chairman	1974
Thomas Carson,	Secretary	1976
		Russell Steeves, 1975
Arnold Dickinson,		1977
		Roger Brown, 1978

Superintendent of Town Buildings

Ernest Law	John Bowler, Resigned
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Fire Wards

David Hanlon	John Hanlon	Richard Crocker
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Fire Chief

Marshall Strickland

Dog Officer

Police Department

Representatives to the General Court

Orson Bragdon	Kenneth Spalding	George W. Brown
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Representatives to State Senate

Frederick Porter

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Elizabeth Searles, 1974	Aaron Enoch, 1975
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Independence Day Committee

Amherst Jay Cees	Amherst Lions Club
Ray Morin	Richard Castle

Tree Committee

Ronald Berlack	Eugene Roe, Chairman	Jerry Sessler
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Planning Board

	Robert Jackson, Chairman	1978
Oliver Merrill, 1974	E. Gordon Pullar, Secretary	1977
Chester McGrath, 1975	Robert Crouter,	1976
James Enright, Resigned	Ex-Officio – Edward Masten	
	Charles Hood,	1976

Civil Defense
Roy Maston, Director

Zoning Administrator
Thomas Ring

Cemetery Trustees
Edward J. Marchildon, Chairman

David Ramsey

Edward Masten

Health Officer
Dr. James Starke

Memorial Day Committee
Frederick Simmons, Chairman

Paul Dudley

William Hopkins

Recreation Commission
Nancy Cook, Chairman 1974
Douglas MacKenzie, 1974 Suzanne Blakeman, 1975
Ann Hopkins, 1976 Peter George, 1975

Conservation Commission
Alice Arnold, Co-Chairman 1976 Herbert Harding, Co-Chairman 1975
Charles Bacon, Secretary 1975 Donald Eger, 1974
Roland Fraser, 1976 John Monson, 1975
Wallace Warren, 1974

Historic District Commission
Beverly Eger, Chairman 1975
Rozamund Buchanan, 1974 George Brown, 1976
Charles Hood, 1974 Francis Perry, Ex-Officio

Air Pollution Control Committee
Joseph Harrison III, Chairman
Meric Arnold Peter Dunlap
John Bachman Robert Rowe

Regional Dump Study Committee
Thornton Jesdale, Chairman
William L. Hendrix John Bachman

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voting on Articles 1-5 will be at polls.

**Remaining articles will be considered at the meeting
held at 8:00 p.m.**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Wilkins School in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst:

Amendment A: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes on the Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst:

Change the area bounded on the North by the Right of Way owned by the State of New Hampshire; the South by Merrimack Road; the East by Pine Acres and the property of Arthur Weiss; West by Route 122, from "Rural" to "Residential."

Change the area bounded on the North by the Right of Way owned by the State of New Hampshire; the South by Merrimack Road; the East by Route 122 and the West by Western property lines of Ralph Dunklee and William and Mollie Hunter, from "Rural" to "Residential."

The Ballot Question on Amendment A will read:

Are you in favor of adopting amendment A as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town to change the area North of the Merrimack Road and East of the New Route 101 from Rural to Residential?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment B: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 4-3, B-1 and Section 4-5, B-1 to read: "The minimum lot area for any permitted use shall be two acres," and to amend Section 5-8, B-4 to read: Every lot shall contain not less than the following:

a) RE District one and one-half acres, b) RU District one and one-half acres.

The Ballot Question on Amendment B will read:

Are you in favor of adopting amendment B as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town to require 2 acre minimum lot sizes in Residential and Rural areas except in cluster developments where the minimum lot size shall be one and one-half acres.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment C:

To amend Article VI Section 6-3 paragraph B-2 to read as follows: The Members of the Board of Adjustment shall be elected at the annual Town Meeting and thereafter those elected shall be appointed to office by the Board of Selectmen, and paragraph 3 to read:

3. Each member shall be appointed as prescribed in B-2 above for a term of five years and one member shall be so appointed each year except as otherwise provided in this section.

AMEND Paragraph 4 to read:

4. In case of death or resignation of a member of the Board of Adjustment, the moderator, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall appoint an interim member to serve on the Board of Adjustment until the next following Town Meeting, at which Town Meeting a member will be elected and appointed as in B-2 to serve the balance of the unexpired term of the member who has become deceased or resigned.

The Ballot Question on Amendment C will read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment C as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to alter the manner of election of members to the Board of Adjustment to conform with the existing state statutes?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment D:

To amend Article VII Section 7-1 by adding the following: This Ordinance is intended to be consistent with NHRSA enabling legislation and to the extent that any portion hereof is or shall become inconsistent with said enabling legislation this ordinance shall be invalid to that extent.

The Ballot Question on Amendment D will read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment D as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to conform with the enabling legislation?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment E:

To amend Article III Section 3-4 Paragraph C to read as follows:
In the C, T, and I District, the following signs in addition to those permitted in Paragraph A above be permitted:

d) the following rules apply to all signs except where offering property for sale or rent.

ADD #6: No sign advertising property "SOLD" shall be permitted.

The Ballot Question on amendment E will read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment E as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to make SOLD signs on property illegal?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 3

Shall we adopt the Homeowner's Exemption provisions of RSA Chapter 72:40-60 granting a \$5,000 exemption based upon equalized assessed valuation on all owner occupied units and a \$10,000 exemption based upon equalized assessed valuation on owner occupied units for those over 65 years of age.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4

Shall we adopt the provisions of Chapter 37 RSA and select a Town Manager form of Government effective in 1975?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 5

Shall we adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law as set forth in RSA 32 to be effective in 1976, and, if so, to elect a Budget Committee at the 1975 Annual Town Meeting with a minimum of six (6) members at large in accordance with Section 32:2 of the NHRSA?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 6

To raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.

Article 7

To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing as provided for under 76:15B to be effective in 1975.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,200 to construct an addition to the Town Highway Barn or take action relative thereto.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provision of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set offs against the budgeted appropriations for 1974 in the amounts indicated in Articles 11 and 14:

Receipts in excess of 1973 estimates	\$ 1,073 00
Interest on invested funds 1973	1,115 36
1974 estimated receipts	13,800 00
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	\$16,088 36

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purchase of a new five (5) ton Highway Truck and authorize withdrawal of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 with the balance to be raised by taxation, or take action relative thereto.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept from Federal Disaster Assistance Agency such aid as may be available for disaster relief, if and when such should occur within the Town of Amherst.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to defray legal costs and purchase property as a site for sanitary land fill on terms and conditions deemed in the best interest of the Town by the Board of Selectmen and to take action relative thereto.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to purchase a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) of which \$12,000 shall be withdrawn from the Southern District Fire Fund to purchase land and erect a Fire Station in South Amherst in 1974 or take action relative thereto.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000, of which \$6,000 shall be withdrawn from the Southern District Fire Reserve, the balance to be raised by taxes, to purchase a Fire Truck to be delivered and paid for in fiscal 1975 or take action relative thereto.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for repairs to the Town Hall including re-wiring of electrical circuit on second floor, repairs and replacement of window sash, replacement of ceiling on second floor and repairs to roof or take action relative thereto.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100) to be expended by the Amherst Bicentennial Committee in 1974 and 1975 and 1976 in amounts of (\$700) Seven Hundred Dollars each of said years in furtherance of a program to commemorate the Bicentennial Celebration or take action relative thereto.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for development of a Master Plan as required and provided for by NHRSA 36:13, 14, 15 such funds to be committed or expended by the Planning Board as it deems necessary for the procurement of professional services and other materials required for such a study, with a written progress report to be furnished to residents of the Town on or before February 1, 1975 or take action relative thereto.

Article 20 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be used for the purchase of land for conservation purposes in the Town as may be approved by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto.

Article 21 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to be added to the existing tennis court reserve for the purpose of removing the two old tennis courts on Davis Lane and rebuilding them or take action relative thereto.

Article 22 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to facilitate the efficient operation of its Boards, Committees and Commissions by adopting the following:

Publication of Vacancies in Town Boards, Committees or Commissions.

- a. Vacancies occurring in any Board, Committee or Commission (hereafter referred to as "Commission") whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, shall be made public knowledge by the Selectmen by posting notice of such vacancies at the Town Hall and by publishing notice of such vacancies in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town no later than two weeks after the occurrence of the vacancy.
- b. The Town Clerk shall keep a list of names of all people expressing an interest in serving on any Commission, which list shall be entered in the weekly minutes of the Board of Selectmen.
- c. To cover the cost of publishing such vacancies the Town agrees to appropriate the amount of seventy-five (\$75) dollars.
- d. The foregoing shall also apply to any Commission wherein the members are originally elected but vacancies during a term are filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 23 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to facilitate the efficient operation of its Boards, Committees and Commissions by adopting the following:

Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.

- a. The Board of Selectmen shall make an appointment to fill any vacancy in any Board, Committee or Commission (hereafter referred to as "Commission") originally appointed by the Selectmen, within 45 days of notice to the Selectmen that a vacancy exists.
- b. If the Board of Selectmen fails to appoint within 45 days, the Commission having a vacancy shall submit the name of an individual receiving a majority of votes of the members of that Commission. This individual shall thereupon be appointed by the Selectmen at their next meeting.
- c. The foregoing shall also apply to any Commission wherein the members are originally elected but vacancies during a term are filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 24 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to facilitate the efficient operation of its Boards, Committees and Commissions by adopting the following:

Neglect of Duty.

The Chairman of any Board, Commission or Committee (Hereafter referred to as "Commission") may notify the Board of Selectmen when any member of his Commission has missed three consecutive meetings. Upon receipt of such notice the Board of Selectmen shall declare a vacancy in that Commission.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to elect seven (7) members to the Ways and Means Committee who shall be property taxpayers, by ballot at the 1975 Town Meeting, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee as Chairman. Two (2) shall hold office for one year, Two (2) shall hold office for 2 years and three (3) shall hold office for 3 years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Moderator and such appointees shall hold office until the next Annual Town Meeting. No member of the Ways and Means Committee shall serve on any other Committee or Commission and shall serve without pay.

The Ways and Means Committee shall have power to examine all Town fiscal records and finances and all Articles providing for appropriations and expenditures in the Town Warrant and to report thereon to the Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting.

Article 26

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal the 18th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

EDWARD C. MASTEN
FRANCIS E. WHALAND
FRANCIS N. PERRY, Selectmen of Amherst

A True Copy of Warrant — Attest
EDWARD C. MASTEN
FRANCIS E. WHALAND
FRANCIS N. PERRY, Selectmen of Amherst

BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expend. Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1974
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$10,700.00	\$11,149.00	\$10,950.00
Town Officers' expenses	22,585.00	22,668.63	27,395.00
Election & registration expenses	1,450.00	1,043.70	3,500.00
Town hall & other town bldgs.	11,885.00	11,647.60	13,045.00
Employees' retire. & soc. sec.	7,950.00	9,255.87	10,375.00
Contingency fund	1,800.00	1,737.24	2,500.00
Mapping & conservation	2,500.00	3,320.05	3,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police department	75,093.00	77,940.55	88,855.00
Fire department	26,400.00	27,690.76	29,650.00
Care of trees	3,500.00	2,984.61	3,500.00
Insurance	15,675.00	16,056.95	17,190.00
Planning & zoning	16,015.00	13,053.01	17,980.00
Damages & legal expense	4,950.00	4,273.15	5,000.00
Civil defense	2,995.00	3,094.41	4,097.00
Health Department			
Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance	9,500.00	9,485.55	17,259.00
Vital statistics	150.00	89.00	150.00
Town dump & garbage removal	8,700.00	9,085.25	9,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maint. — Summer & winter	156,214.68	157,410.00	184,686.75
Street lighting	3,300.00	3,553.40	3,600.00
General expenses of highway dept.	12,600.00	18,590.33	19,675.00
Town road aid	1,852.65	1,852.65	2,018.38
Libraries	22,410.00	22,410.00	25,110.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	3,200.00	3,016.40	5,000.00
Old age assistance	4,000.00	2,012.38	3,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	600.00	922.50	1,200.00
Recreation	19,110.75	22,346.26	17,055.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	3,200.00	6,400.00	7,200.00
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long term notes & bonds	16,250.00	16,250.00	16,250.00
Interest on temporary loans	8,000.00	9,793.30	15,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$472,586.08		\$563,241.13

BUDGET

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1974
From State:			
Interest & dividends tax	\$58,000.00	\$58,989.71	\$58,500.00
Railroad tax		76.21	
Savings bank tax	3,000.00	5,976.26	5,500.00
Meals & rooms tax	28,500.00	33,665.13	33,000.00
Highway subsidy	33,904.63	33,904.68	34,686.75
Reimbursement forest conservation aid		61.91	
Reimbursement a-c business profits tax	5,000.00	1,701.00	1,786.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog licenses	2,450.00	2,646.80	2,750.00
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	100.00	35.00	50.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	34,000.00	100,071.10	90,000.00
Interest on taxes & deposits	9,000.00	11,127.76	10,250.00
Fines & forfeits — municipal & district court		790.00	300.00
Nat'l. bank stock taxes	350.00	339.70	325.00
Resident taxes retained	15,500.00	30,440.00	36,000.00
Normal yield taxes assessed	300.00	3,631.29	800.00
Rent of town property	1,900.00	1,567.50	1,500.00
Income from departments		43,693.53	28,475.00
Surplus			45,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue sharing		29,291.00	14,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			<hr/> \$362,923.75
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes			200,317 38
TOTAL REVENUES			<hr/> \$563,241.13

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1973

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Increase in anticipated income	Amount Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated
General Government							
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 10,700.00	\$ *449.00	\$ 11,149.00	\$ 11,149.00			10,950.00
Town Office Expenses	22,585.00	445.45	23,030.45	22,668.63	\$	\$ 361.82	27,395.00
Election and Registration	1,450.00	179.12	1,629.12	1,043.70		585.42	3,500.00
Town Hall	8,085.00	—335.00	7,750.00	8,197.60	447.60		7,800.00
Brick School	3,800.00	17.50	3,817.50	3,450.00		367.50	5,245.00
SS and Retirement	7,950.00		7,950.00	9,255.87	1,305.87		10,375.00
Contingency	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,737.24		62.76	2,500.00
Mapping	1,500.00	249.45	1,749.45	2,317.65	568.20		2,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property							
Police Department	68,093.00	6,177.44	74,270.44	71,005.38		3,265.06	78,293.00
Fire Department	24,525.00	1,057.10	25,582.10	25,815.76	233.66		27,775.00
Communication Center	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,935.17		64.83	10,562.00
Hydrant Rental	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00			1,875.00
Civil Defense	2,995.00		2,995.00	*3,094.41	99.41		4,097.00
Insurance	15,675.00	964.00	16,639.00	16,056.95		582.05	17,190.00
Legal Expenses	3,500.00	82.45	3,582.45	3,162.20		420.25	3,500.00
Dog Control	1,450.00	196.80	1,646.80	1,110.95		535.85	1,500.00
Tree Care	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,984.61		515.39	3,500.00
Conservation	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,002.40	2.40		1,000.00

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Library	22,410.00	22,410.00	22,410.00		25,110.00
Public Welfare					
Old Age Assistance	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,012.38	1,987.62	3,000.00
Town Poor	2,700.00	*150.00	2,850.00	166.40	4,500.00
Veterans Aid	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Patriotic Purposes					
Memorial Day	300.00		300.00	27.50	500.00
4th of July	300.00	249.00	549.00	101.00	700.00
Recreation					
Recreation Commission	3,970.00	2,414.91	6,384.91	358.12	4,230.00
Baboosic	11,240.75	—39.50	11,201.25	1,300.43	9,125.00
Debt Service					
Interest	8,000.00		8,000.00	1,793.30	15,000.00
Notes	16,250.00		16,250.00		16,250.00
	<u>\$472,586.08</u>	<u>\$ 28,387.83</u>	<u>\$500,973.91</u>	<u>\$489,111.34</u>	<u>\$22,323.47</u>
					563,241.13
				10,460.90	
				<u>\$11,862.57</u>	

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	1973	1972
Land	\$ 8,636,120	\$ 8,045,200
Buildings	34,200,830	30,995,350
Factory Buildings	352,160	308,140
Public Water Utility	81,730	31,730
Public Utility — Gas	51,610	51,810
Public Utility — Electric	972,910	972,910
CATV		32,800
House Trailers	(56)	(65)
Boats	(35)	(21)
Total Valuation Before Exemption	44,455,370	40,658,547
Elderly Exemptions	(43)	(37)
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$44,321,660	\$40,536,837

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 10,700 00
Town Officers' Expenses	22,585 00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,450 00
Municipal Mapping	1,500 00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	8,085 00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	7,950 00
Contingency Fund	1,800 00
Police Department	68,093 00
Baboosic Lake Park	11,240 75
Fire Dept., Forest Fires	24,525 00
Care of Trees	3,500 00
Insurance	15,675 00
Planning & Zoning	14,740 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,950 00
Civilian Defense	2,995 00
Health Department	3,000 00
Vital Statistics	150 00
Brick School	3,800 00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	8,700 00
Town Maintenance — Winter & Summer	90,310 00
Street Lighting	3,300 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	12,600 00
Town Road Aid	1,852 65
Libraries	22,410 00
Town Poor	2,700 00
Old Age Assistance	4,000 00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	500 00
Patriotic Purposes	600 00
Recreation	3,970 00
Communications Center	7,000 00
Cemeteries	3,200 00
Conservation	1,000 00
Parks	3,900 00

Payment on Debt:	
(Principal \$16,250.) (Interest \$8,000.)	24,250 00
Gas Subsidy	33,904 68
Hydrant Rental	1,875 00
Regional Planning	1,275 00
Ambulance Service	6,500 00
Oiling	29,000 00
Grader	3,000 00
Art. No. 4 — \$15,000 and Art. No. 8 — \$8,000	23,000 00
Art. No. 9 — \$47,900 and Art. No. 11 — \$28,000	75,900 00
Art. No. 12	15,000 00
Art. No. 13	1,500 00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$587,986 08

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$58,989 71
Railroad Tax	76 21
Savings Bank Tax	5,976 26
Meals & Rooms Tax	31,235 00
Bike Reg.	100 00
Reimbursement a-c State &	
Federal Lands	40 00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	2,778 00
Interest Rec'd. on Taxes & Deposits	12,616 00
Business Licenses, Permits &	
Filing Fees	8,149 46
Dog Licenses	2,500 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	90,000 00
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	1,110 00
Income from Trust Funds	9,125 00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal Court	620 00
Dump Income	421 40
National Bank Stock Taxes	394 42

Resident Taxes Retained	34,830 00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	36,910 80
Baboosic	4,539 05
Gas Subsidy (Contra)	33,904 68
Total Revenues & Credits -----	334,315 99

Net Town Appropriations	\$253,670 09
Net School Appropriations	1,759,694 22
County Tax Assessment	80,754.42

Total of Town, School & County	\$2,094,118 73
Deduct: Reimb. a-c Property Exempted	
1970 Spec. Session	—19,938 92
Add: War Service Tax Credits	26,150 00
Add: Overlay	31,542 04

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$2,131,871 85
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Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector

a. Gross Property Taxes	\$2,131,871 85
b. Gross Precinct Taxes	1,673 57
c. Total (a & b)	\$2,133,545 42
d. Less War Service Tax Credits	26,150 00

Total Tax Commitment	\$2,107,395 42
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Tax Rates

Town	\$.58
School District	4.03
County	.19
Total	\$4.80
Village Precinct	.03

Approved by Tax Commission — \$4.81

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$842,090 78
In hands of officials — Petty cash	50 00
Total	----- \$ 842,140 78
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Fire Truck	\$ 16,169 89
Grader Fund	570 33
So. District Fire Fund	16,643 93
Total	----- \$ 33,384 15
Other bills due Town:	
Truck Loan Account	\$ 5,377 94
Total	----- \$ 5,377 94
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1972	\$ 4,375 17
(c) Levy of 1971	2,380 84
(d) Previous Years	405 72
Total	----- \$ 7,161 73
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1973, including resident taxes	\$229,476 25
(b) Levy of 1972	1,953 12
Total	----- \$ 231,429 32
Total Assets	<u>\$1,119,493 97</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,119,493 97</u>
Current Surplus, December 31, 1972	\$ 1,751 38
Current Surplus, December 31, 1973	\$ 65,919 89
Increase-Decrease of Surplus (Deficit) — Change in Financial Condition	\$ 64,168 31

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding (Schedule A)	\$	844 09
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations (Schedule B)		42,571 75
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds		2,188 36
Unexpended State Highway Subsidy Funds		17 32
Due to State:		
2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes (Collected—not remitted to State Treas.)		37 60
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acct)		1,036 59
School District Tax Payable		972,694 22
Gift to Police		800 00
Total Accounts Owed by the Town	-----	\$1,020,189 93
Capital Reserve Funds		33,384 15

Total Liabilities		\$1,053,574 08
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)		65,919 89

Grand Total		\$1,119,493 97

SCHEDULE A ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 1973

Rescue Squad — Civil Defense		
Fire Mark	\$	15 60
Roy Masten		5 98
Robert Thurston		47 35
The County Store		93 42
N.H. Dist. Agency		14 90
N.E. Tel. and Tel.		69 74
	----- \$	246 99

Police Dept.		
Rice's Tires	\$233 99	
Coronis Cleaners	67 11	
Amherst Auto	35 00	
	-----	\$ 326 10
Tree Committee		
Oliver Merrill		\$ 271 00

		\$ 844 09

SCHEDULE B UNEXPENDED BALANCE

Art. 4 – Land Fill	\$ 12,360 75
Art. 11 – Revaluation	13,711 00
Art. 12 – Land Purchase	15,000 00
Art. 13 – Tennis Court Reserve	1,500 00

	\$ 42,571 75

SCHEDULE C CASH IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Cash on Deposit in General Fund	\$ 62,501 62
C.D. Accounts Surplus Funds	765,000 00
Escrow Accounts	1,036 59
Recreation Commission Savings	897 21
Revenue Sharing CD	11,540 00
Interest on Revenue CD	1,115 36

	\$842,090 78

SCHEDULE D ALL OTHER CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Town Clerk's Auto Account Salary	\$ 5,342 00
Communication Center	6,935 17
Sanitary Land Fill Study	2,639 25
Cemetery Tool House Contract	5,314 20

	\$ 20,230 62

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes, current yr., '73	\$1,879,799	14
Resident taxes, current yr., '73	26,450	00
National bank stock taxes		
current year, 1973	339	70
Yield taxes, current yr., '73	3,631	29
Total Current Year's Taxes	-----	\$1,910,220 13
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years	173,230	85
Resident taxes, previous years	3,990	00
Interest received on delinquent taxes	4,442	90
Penalties: resident taxes, state head taxes	270	00
Tax sales redeemed	10,642	93

Total		\$2,102,796 81

From State:

Highway Subsidy	33,904	68
Interest and dividends tax	58,989	71
Railroad tax	76	21
Savings bank tax	5,976	26
Reimbursement a-c St. & Fed. forest lands	61	91
Meals and Rooms Tax	33,665	13
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	19,938	92

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	2,646	80
Fines and forfeits, municipal &		
District Court	790	00
Rent of town property	1,567	50
Interest received on deposits	6,684	86
Income from departments	43,693	53
Motor vehicle permits	100,071	10

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	500,000	00
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Insurance adjustments	964 00
Gifts	1,697 21
New Trust Funds received during year	1,995 00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	9,000 00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,036 59
Revenue Sharing	29,291 00
Interest on Investment of Revenue Sharing Funds	1,115 36
Law Enforcement Assistance Act (Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency)	1,390 00
All Other Receipts (Cancelled Check)	882 21
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Total receipts other than current revenue	\$2,958,234 79
Cash on hand January 1, 1973	573,382 68
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Grand Total	\$3,531,617 47

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 11,149 00
Town officers' expenses	21,123 26
Election and registration expenses	1,043 70
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	11,647 60
Reappraisal of Property	15,789 00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	71,005 38
Fire department, including forest fires	25,815 76
Moth extermination — Blister rust and Care of trees	2,713 61
Planning and Zoning	13,052 98
Insurance	16,056 95
Civil Defense	2,847 42
Conservation Commission	1,002 40

Health:

Health department, including hospitals & ambulance	9,485 55
Vital Statistics	89 00
Town dumps and garbage removal	9,085 25

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,852 65
Town Maintenance	154,687 92
Street lighting	3,553 40
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	18,590 33

Libraries:

Libraries	22,410 00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	2,012 38
Town poor	3,016 04

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	922 50
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Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, incl. band concerts	22,346 26
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire	6,378 82
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Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	4,273 15
Taxes bought by town	11,855 50
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	6,972 85
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	9,255 87
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Trust Funds)	1,995 00
All other current maint. expenses (Schedule D)	20,230 62

*Debt Service:**Interest on Debt:*

Paid on tax anticipation notes	9,352 02
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<i>Principal of Debt:</i>	
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	500,000 00
Payments on long term notes	16,250 00
<i>Capital Outlay:</i>	
Lands and buildings	3,500 00
New equipment	39,573 93
Payments to capital reserve funds	6,000 00
Tax Maps	2,317 65
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>	
Resident Taxes Paid State Treasurer	2,727 15
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt	
Retirement Taxes	517 99
Taxes paid to County	80,754 42
Payments to Precincts	3,548 57
Payments to School Districts	
(1972 Tax \$735,724.81)	
(1973 Tax 787,000)	1,522,724 81
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$2,689,526 69
Cash on hand December 31, 1973	842,090 78
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Grand Total	\$3,531,617 47

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
As of December 31, 1973

<i>Long Term Notes Outstanding:</i>	
Baboosic Lake Park	\$16,250 00
<i>Bonds Outstanding:</i>	
	0 00
Total Bonds Outstanding	0 00
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Total Long Term Indebtedness — December 31, 1973	\$16,250 00
 <i>Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness</i>	
Outstanding Long Term Debt — December 31, 1972	\$32,500 00
Long Term Notes Paid	16,250 00
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Outstanding Long Term Debt — December 31, 1973	\$16,250 00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY — 1973

Town Hall land and Building	\$ 107,880
Equipment	56,800
Library Land and Building	150,000
Equipment	41,000
Police Department Equipment	15,000
Fire Department land and Building	33,800
Equipment	91,000
Highway Department land and Building	16,000
Equipment	106,000
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	5,000
Brick School	112,600
Equipment	1,000
Annex	13,200
Cemetery House	5,300
Equipment	6,000
Rescue Squad Equipment	7,500
School land and Buildings	2,020,000
Equipment	280,000
Sherburne Recreation Land	1,000
Baboosic Lake	50,000
Equipment	30,000
Dump	2,210
Baboosic Dump	1,990
Joe English Brook Reservation	30,000
Odell Meadow	1,400
Erickson Land	1,440
Plumb Land	4,300
Boissonault Land	3,500
By Tax Collector's Deed	
Goodwin Building	1,000
Chandler Lot	350
Melendy Lot	200
White Lot	1,090
Gelinis Lot	960

Broadway Lot	2,330
Glover Land	1,520
Brooks Land	1,780
Bartlett Land	800
Jones Lot Mother Gardner Crossing	200
Nash Land	150

	\$3,204,300

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Auto Permits (1972)	\$ 2,276 00
Auto Permits (1973)	97,795 10
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Paid to Treasurer	\$100,071 10

Dog Account

10 Kennel Licenses	
51 Part Year	
1025 1973 Licenses	

1086 Total	\$ 2,852 00
Paid Clerk	205 20
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 2,646 80

Dump Stickers

Total Collected	\$ 69 50
Paid Clerk	23 25
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 46 25

Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May, in the office of the Town Clerk wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with a registered number.

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in the state's attempt to prevent the spread of this killing disease.

Male or spayed dogs, \$2.00; female dogs, \$5.00; \$1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st.

An untagged dog is a stray dog and may be picked up by the dog officer and taken to the town pound.

Report all lost or found dogs to the Police Department.

A fine of \$100.00 shall be levied on dog owners or keepers answering falsely or refusing to answer. (466:43).

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

1974 Yield Tax

Jeopardy Commitment	\$	<u>523 33</u>
Remitted to Treasurer	\$	523 33

SUMMARY OF WARRANT 1973

Committed to Collector:

Property Tax	\$2,107,465 06	
Added Tax	3,617 11	
Yield Tax	3,333 57	
Bank Stock	339 70	
Overpayment	45 00	
Total Committed	-----	\$2,114,800 44
Interest Collected		<u>171 73</u>
Total		\$2,114,972 17

Remitted to Treasurer:

Property Tax	\$1,879,799 14	
Bank Stock	339 70	
Yield	3,107 96	
Total Taxes Remitted	-----	\$1,883,246 80
Interest Collected		171 73

Uncollected Per List:

Property	\$223,100 64	
Yield	225 61	
Abated Property	8,227 39	
	-----	231,553 64
Total		\$2,114,972 17

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

1973 Resident Tax

Resident Tax Committed	\$34,830 00	
Added Taxes	330 00	
	-----	\$35,160 00

Penalties Collected	20 00	
Total	-----	\$ 35,180 00
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Taxes	\$26,430 00	
Allan Overpayment	20 00	
Penalties	20 00	
	-----	\$ 26,470 00
Abated	\$2,560 00	
Uncollected as per list	6,150 00	
	-----	8,710 00

Total		\$ 35,180 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT 1972 Property Taxes

Uncollected January 1, 1973	\$ 175,029 00
Added in 1973	1,343 84
Interest Collected	3,807 88

Total Committed	\$ 180,180 72
Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 173,230 85
Interest Collected	3,807 88

	\$ 177,038 73
Abated as per list	1,258 87
Uncollected	1,883 12

Total	\$ 180,180 72

1972 RESIDENT TAX WARRANT

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 7,460 00
Added Taxes 1973	370 00

	\$ 7,830 00
Penalties Collected	250 00

Total	\$ 8,080 00

Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 3,990 00
Penalties Remitted	250 00
Abated by Selectmen	3,770 00
Uncollected as per list	70 00
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Total	\$ 8,080 00

1971 RESIDENT TAX WARRANT

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 20 00
Abated 1973	\$ 20 00

REPORT OF TAX SALES AND UNREDEEMED TAXES

Tax Account of:

	1972	1971	1970 Prev.
Taxes Sold Town	\$11,495.35		
Taxes Sold Individuals	18.26		
Unredeemed Jan. 1, 1973		\$4,764.01	\$1,527.04
Interest Collected	127.94	220.30	115.05
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Total	\$11,641.55	\$4,984.31	\$1,642.09

Remitted to Treas.	\$ 7,138.44	\$2,275.87	\$1,121.32
Remitted to Purchaser		107.30	
Interest	127.94	220.30	115.05
Unredeemed Dec. 31	4,375.17	2,380.84	405.72
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Total	\$11,641.55	\$4,984.31	\$1,642.09

UNREDEEMED TAXES

	1972	Levy of: 1971	Prior
Unknown Owner	\$ 23.36	\$ 12.82	\$ 12.22
Donald Grant	355.39		322.46
Boston & Maine	51.62	50.27	68.44
Elizabeth Brennan			2.60
Marcel Demers	348.10	340.75	
	349.31	343.15	
Sam Weisman	1,361.93	1,334.01	
Gordon Bowler		66.33	
Yankee Homes	25.19	21.54	
	16.01	15.16	
Robert Mailloux		169.61	
R. Flanders		27.20	
Charron & Roy	18.26		
Donald Handy	1,191.91		
Allan Crooker	391.77		
Clyde Connley	27.61		
Thomas Bartera	214.71		
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Totals	\$4,375.17	\$2,380.84	\$ 405.72

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

General Fund

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 560,091 93
Barbara Landry, Tax Collector		
Resident & Property Taxes	\$2,102,796 81	
Taxes & Refunds	103 53	
	-----	2,102,900 34
Bernice Boothroyd, Town Clerk		
Auto Registrations	\$100,071 10	
Dog Licenses	2,646 80	
	-----	102,717 90
Library Payroll Account		9,090 25
Credit Election & Registrations		
Candidates' Fees	\$ 11 00	
Amherst School Dist. Election Refund	179 12	
	-----	190 12
Donations to 4th of July Committee		249 00
Licenses		
1 Junk License		25 00
Maps & Zoning Books	\$249 45	
Tax Inventory	25 00	
Copying	19 00	
	-----	293 45
Town Buildings		
Brick School Rentals	\$1,417 50	
Town Hall Rentals	150 00	
	-----	1,567 50
Trustees of Trust Fund		
Credit Cemetery	\$3,200 00	

Gifts		
Robert Nolte	100 00	
Frank Jellerson	100 00	
Herbert Stevens	100 00	
Est. Millard Goodale	100 00	
Mrs. William Starrett	50 00	
Walter Anderson	100 00	
Russell Trombly	100 00	
	<hr/>	3,850 00
Grader Fund		9,000 00
Trustees of Cemetery		
Sale of Lots, Burials, and		
Annual Care		1,345 00
Income for Cemetery Shed		5,314 20
Highway Department		
General Expense	\$1,844 85	
Winter Maintenance	135 00	
Summer Maintenance	1,412 00	
Fiske Highway	125 05	
Dump Stickers and		
Commercial Dump Fees	451 25	
	<hr/>	3,968 15
Amherst Recreation Commission		
Swimming Registrations	\$ 96 00	
Softball Registrations	94 00	
Tennis	729 00	
Little League	224 00	
Basketball	118 00	
Swim Team Suits	276 00	
Jazz Concert	126 00	
Red Cross	400 00	
LeBlanc Fund	769 41	
Ball Fields	1,330 50	
	<hr/>	4,162 91
Baboosic Lake Park		
Donations	\$ 120 00	
Rentals	975 00	
Registrations	1,537 25	

Guest Fees	22 50	
Dances	1,577 80	
Steak Cook-out	602 00	
Machines & Games	1,174 61	
Public Telephone Refund	33 39	
	-----	6,042 55
Police Department		
Accident & Theft Reports	\$ 144 00	
Bicycle Registrations	577 00	
Dog Court Fines	570 00	
Special Duty	3,543 50	
Federal Grant — Police		
Training Replacement	600 00	
Federal Communications Grant	790 00	
Laundry — Lost Shirts	14 00	
Pistol Permits	110 00	
Petty Cash	40 00	
Town Ordinance Violations	220 00	
Insurance	21 44	
Gift	800 00	
State of N.H. — Gas Tax	697 50	
	-----	8,127 44
Fire Department		
Payroll Account	\$888 70	
State of N.H. — Gas Tax	93 40	
Sale of Tires	75 00	
	-----	1,057 10
Zoning Fees		13,818 46
Town Hall & Office Expense	\$24 17	
Sale of Water Heater	15 00	
	-----	39 17
Cancelled Checks		882 21
Insurance		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	\$ 17 00	
Harland Holt	71 00	
Infantine Insurance	876 00	
Phenix Mutual — Damages & Legal	82 45	
	-----	1,046 45

Interest Received on Investments	6,647 95
State of New Hampshire	
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 61 91
Gas Subsidy	33,904 68
Business Profits Tax	19,938 92
Interest & Dividends Tax	58,989 71
Savings Bank Tax	5,976 26
Railroad Tax	76 21
Rooms & Meals Tax	33,665 13
	<hr/> 152,612 82
	<hr/> \$2,434,947 97
Cash on Hand	560,091 93
Revenue to General Fund	2,434,947 97
Tax Anticipation Notes	500,000 00
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to General Fund	29,291 00
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Interest to General Fund	441 28
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Total Cash Receipts	\$3,524,772 18
Invested Funds to General Fund	425,000 00
Invested Amherst Recreation Commission Fund	1,787 66
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	\$3,951,559 84
Orders Paid	3,889,058 22
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	\$ 62,501 62
Balance in Bank	\$ 26,271 41
Deposits not credited	36,230 21
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	\$ 62,501 62

Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlements

1972 Entitlement	
Cert. of Deposit No. 389	\$11,540 00
1972 Entitlement	
Cert. of Deposit No. 445	11,074 00
1973 Entitlement	
Cert. of Deposit No. 447	6,808 00
1973 Entitlement	6,808 00
1973 Entitlement	4,601 00
	----- \$40,831 00
Interest Earned	1,115 36

Total Federal Reveune Funds	\$41,946 36

	Approp.	Expend.
Police	\$11,758 00	\$11,758 00
Town Hall	4,000 00	4,000 00
Town Administration	3,000 00	3,000 00
Assessing (Art. 11)	6,000 00	6,000 00
Sanitary Landfill	15,000 00	2,639 25
	-----	-----
	\$39,758 00	\$27,397 25

Total Expenditures	\$27,397 25
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	12,360 75
Unappropriated Funds	1,073 00
Interest	1,115 36

Total	\$41,946 36

Escrow Accounts

Davis & Symonds Timber Bond	\$ 500 00
Interest	20 06

	\$ 520 06

GinRik Gravel Bond	\$ 500 00
Interest	15 85
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	\$ 515 85

Amherst Recreation Commission

Savings Account	\$2,221 66
Interest	6 05
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	\$ 2,227 71

Expenditures — Payment on Ball Field	\$1,330 50
Balance on hand	891 16
Interest	6 05
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 2,227 71

MARION M. SORTEVIK, Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS – 1973

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation	\$10,700 00
Due from Prev. Year	449 00
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	\$11,149 00

Expended:

Elliot Lyon	\$ 499 00
John Enright	900 00
Edward Masten, Chairman	1,450 00
Francis Whaland	1,000 00
Francis Perry	500 00
Marion Sortevik, Treas.	1,200 00
Barbara Landry, Collector	4,500 00
Bernice Boothroyd, Clerk	500 00
David Ramsay, Trustee	200 00
Stephen Noble, Auditor	200 00
Orson Bragdon, Auditor	200 00
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	\$ 11,149 00

Town Office Expenses

Appropriation	\$22,585 00
Interest on CD's (in & out)	441 28
Estimated Income	\$100 00
Actual Income	104 17
Net increase in Income	<hr/> 4 17
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	\$23,030 45

Expended:

Dues	\$ 404 76
Fees (Registry, Tax Commission)	166 77
Supplies	2,142 41
Town Report	2,555 78
Printing	271 28

Computer Service	1,406 43
Advertising	209 70
Phone	1,220 57
Office Equipment	1,522 69
Postage	1,524 94
Mileage	393 15
Meeting Expense	176 20
Payroll	8,265 47
Interest	441 28
Book Binding	283 00
Appraisal Assistance 1973	1,500 00
Repairs of Equipment	138 83
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	\$ 22,668 63

	Zoning	
Appropriation		\$ 8,990 00
Estimated Income	\$ 7,890 00	
Actual Income	13,818 46	
Increase in Income	<hr/>	5,928 46
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		\$14,918 46
Expended:		
Salary Account		\$ 7,890 00
Mileage to Administrator		1,026 86
Postage Board of Adjustment		96 69
Refunds		48 00
Advertising Board of Adjust.		444 38
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		\$ 9,505 93

	Winter Maintenance	
Appropriation	\$61,760 00	
Income	135 00	
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	\$61,895 00	
Expended		\$ 58,700 18

Summer Maintenance

Appropriation	\$28,550 00
Income	1,537 05
Cost Transfer to Recreation	133 50

Expended \$ 30,046 48

Oiling

Appropriation	\$29,000 00
Expended	\$ 28,909 48

Street Lighting

Appropriation	\$3,300 00
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Expended:

 Public Service \$ 3,553 40

General Expense of Highway

Appropriation	\$12,600 00
Income	1,844 85

Expended \$ 18,590 33

Town Road Aid

Appropriation	\$1,852 65
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Expended:

 State of New Hampshire \$ 1,852 65

Gas Subsidy Account

Appropriation	\$33,904 68
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Expended \$ 33,887 36

Dump

Appropriation	\$8,700 00
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Estimated Income 100 00

Actual Income 451 25

Increase in Income ----- 351 25

Expended \$ 9,085 25

Parks

Appropriation	\$3,900 00
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Expended \$ 3,817 79

Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$3,200 00	
Income from Trustees	3,200 00	
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	\$6,400 00	
Expended		\$ 6,378 82

New Tool House

Income from Cemetery Trustees	\$5,314 20	
Expended		\$ 5,314 20

Truck Advance Account

Advance to Highway Dept.	\$10,077 94	
Received from Highway Dept.		\$ 4,700 00
Due from Highway Dept. 1974		5,377 94
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		\$ 10,077 94

Elections

Appropriation	\$1,450 00	
Income	179 12	
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	\$1,629 12	
Expended:		
Janitor Service		\$ 110 24
Advertising		38 50
Clerks		292 00
Printing		182 00
Postage		53 45
Supervisors' Salary		357 50
Misc.		10 00
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		\$ 1,043 70

Civil Defense

Appropriation	\$2,995 00	
Expended:		
Supplies		\$ 636 20
Utilities		467 41
Misc.		157 37

Benner Electric	286 65
Uniforms	139 80
Licenses	203 00
Meeting Expenses	69 20
Rescue Equipment	704 65
Repairs and Gas	183 14

Total Expended	\$ 2,847 42
Accounts Payable	246 99

\$ 3,094 41

Contingency

Appropriation \$1,800 00

Expended:

Misc.	\$ 18 00
Map File	280 00
Air Conditioner	630 00
Letter File	102 24
Calculator	562 50
Check Writer	144 50

\$ 1,737 24

Town Hall

Appropriation	\$8,085 00
Sale of Water Heater	15 00
Estimated Rental	\$500 00
Rental Income	150 00
Net Loss of Income	----- -350 00

Amount Available \$7,750 00

Expended:

Town Office Renovation	\$ 4,000 00
Rubbish Removal	100 00
Lights	520 76
Janitor Service	1,407 50
Supplies	155 34
Oil	794 86
Parking Lot	370 00

Repairs	698 25
Christmas	38 39
Water	37 50
Clock	75 00

\$ 8,197 60

Retirement and Social Security

Appropriation \$7,950 00

Expended:

State of N.H. Police Retirement	\$ 2,581 96
State of N.H. Social Security	6,673 91

\$ 9,255 87

Conservation

Appropriation \$1,000 00

Expended:

Dues	\$ 160 00
Printing	80 00
Camp	100 00
Program	100 00
Land Purchase	5 00
Bridge and Misc.	557 40

\$ 1,002 40

Library

Appropriation \$22,410 00

Expended:

Town Library	\$ 22,410 00
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Baboosic Lake

Appropriation \$11,240 75

Estimated Income \$8,730 75

Actual Income 6,940 55

Net Loss of Income \$1,790 25

Transfer of Reserve Funds 1,750 75

—39 50

Net Available

\$11,201 25

Expended:		
Advertising	\$	14 00
Printing		25 00
Electricity		363 95
Rubbish Removal		108 00
Snow Removal		75 00
Opening costs		32 07
Eq. Repair		263 22
Septic Tank		30 00
Painting		262 75
Building Repairs		201 60
Fire Extinguisher Repairs		6 61
Hockey		100 00
Misc.		44 25
First Aid Supplies		18 01
Dance Music		1,020 00
Dance Printing		53 50
Police Transfer		360 25
Swim Suits Refunds		150 50
Music and Games		580 40
Grading		2,412 00
Basketball Ct.		295 00
Equipment		119 01
Payroll		5,100 00
Ribbons		90 92
Swim Suits		138 00
Highway Trans.		133 50
Family Cookout		384 14
Cleaning		120 00
Cleaning Supplies		7 60
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	\$	12,501 68

	Recreation	
Appropriation		\$3,970 00
Estimated Income	\$ 850 00	
Bean Fund Reserve	500 00	
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	\$1,350 00	

Bean Fund Transfer	500 00	
Actual Income	3,264 91	
Net Income Increase	<u> </u>	2,414 91
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Amount Available		\$6,384 91

Expended:

Basketball	\$ 147 44
Tennis	823 10
Milford Athletic Assoc.	310 00
Baseball	615 80
Advertising	8 75
Soccer	84 43
Water	25 00
New Field	3,189 91
Misc.	22 36
Payroll	800 00
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	\$ 6,026 79

Police Department

Appropriation		\$68,093 00
Estimated Income	\$1,950 00	
Actual Income	8,127 44	
Increase in Income	<u> </u>	6,177 44
		<u> </u>
Amount Available		\$74,270 44

Expended:

Supplies	\$ 184 74
Dodge Repairs	1,146 83
'71 Ply. Repairs	1,168 88
'73 Ply. Repairs	195 30
Telephone	939 00
Cleaning	478 01
Gas	3,354 33
Printing	420 39

Tires	666 40
Medical	49 00
Uniforms	681 53
Part Time Payroll	6,233 65
Full Time Payroll	39,573 50
Private Duty Payroll	3,551 84
Adv.	18 75
Equipment	6,325 84
Mileage	90 10
Bike Reg.	599 48
Meeting Expenses	181 65
Radio Rep.	153 10
Cost Transferred to Recreation	-360 25
Film	164 53
Equipment Repair	66 20
Traffic Aides	2,568 50
Clerical	2,328 65
Misc. Expenses	226 23

\$ 71,006 38

Special Fund Payable 800 00

\$ 71,806 38

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation \$1,875 00

Expended:

Amherst Village District \$ 1,755 00

Town of Milford 120 00

\$ 1,875 00

Communication Center

Appropriation \$7,000 00

Expended:

Town of Milford \$ 6,935 17

Brick School

Appropriation		\$3,800 00
Estimated Income	\$1,400 00	
Rental Income	1,417 50	
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Total Available

\$3,817 50

Expended:

Utilities	\$ 534 27
Rubbish	170 50
Repairs	458 62
Supplies	167 11
Bulkhead	604 90
Oil	374 60
Payroll	1,140 00

\$ 3,450 00

Automobile Account

Expended:

Bernice Boothroyd	\$ 5,342 00
Refunds	239 69
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	\$ 5,581 69

Vital Statistics

Appropriation	\$150 00
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Expended:

Bernice Boothroyd	\$ 89 00
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Health Department

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
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Expended:

Souhegan Nursing	\$ 1,000 00
Nashua Mental Health	1,500 00
Dr. James Starke	500 00
Misc.	9 75

\$ 3,009 75

Ambulance

Appropriation	\$6,500 00
Expended:	
Nashua Ambulance Service	\$ 6,475 80

Planning

Appropriation	\$5,750 00
Expended:	
Advertising	\$ 954 75
Mapping	316 20
Supplies	17 90
Printing	1,106 50
Postage	70
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	\$ 2,396 05

Regional Planning

Appropriation	\$1,275 00
Expended:	
Nashua Regional Planning	\$ 1,151 00

Fire Department

Appropriation	\$24,525 00
Income	1,057 10
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	\$25,582 10
Expended:	
Salaries	\$ 3,575 00
Fires & Training	5,652 94
Utilities	1,195 00
Alarm	291 65
Gas & Repairs	4,808 84
Building Maintenance	232 17
Water Holes	65 00
Supplies	2,995 16
Truck Fund	4,000 00
Southern District Reserve	3,000 00
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	\$ 25,815 76

Tree Committee

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Expended:	
Spray	\$ 300 00
Removal	487 00
Planting	643 00
Tree Care	829 00
Watering	68 82
Feeding	42 30
Common Care	343 49
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	\$ 2,713 61
Accounts Payable	271 00
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	\$ 2,984 61

Insurance

Appropriation	\$15,675 00
Income	964 00
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	\$16,639 00
Expended:	
Workman's Comp.	\$ 3,376 00
Auto Liability	2,557 00
Baboosic	1,801 00
Blue Cross	3,902 80
Bonds	555 00
SMP	2,028 00
Accident & Health	430 90
Life	719 25
Selectmen's Malfesance	680 00
Advertising	7 00
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	\$ 16,056 95

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$4,000 00	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$ 2,012 38

Town Poor

Appropriation	\$2,700 00
Due 1972 Administration	150 00
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	\$2,850 00

Expended:		
Case 1		\$ 665 12
Case 2		16 71
Case 3		15 00
Case 4		60 40
Case 5		884 47
Case 6		48 00
Case 7		180 00
Case 8		131 43
Case 9		20 00
Case 10		9 48
Case 11		16 00
Case 12		65 50
Case 13		30 00
Case 14		97 62
Case 15		76 88
Case 16		195 43
Case 17		50 00
Case 18		25 00
Supplies		4 00
Overseer Masten 1973		150 00
Overseer Enright 1972 & 1973		300 00
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		\$ 3,016 40

Veterans Aid

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Expended		\$ 0 00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Expended:		
Band	\$	200 00
Amherst Band		50 00
Flowers		22 50
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	\$	272 50

Legal Expenses

Appropriation	\$3,500 00	
Income	82 45	
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	\$3,582 45	
Expended:		
Lincoln & Edwards	\$	531 40
Enright, Lizotte & Drescher		2,630 80
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	\$	3,162 20

Dog Damages

Appropriation	\$1,450 00	
Estimated Income	\$2,450 00	
Actual Income	2,646 80	
Increase in Estimate	<hr/>	196 80
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	\$1,646 80	
Expended:		
Dog Licenses	\$	160 70
Nottingham West		780 00
Animal Rescue League		69 00
Printing		98 00
Advertising		3 25
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	\$	1,110 95

4th of July

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Income	249 00	
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	\$549 00	

Expended:

Miss New Hampshire Pageant	\$ 50 00
VFW Band	300 00
Highlanders Band	300 00
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	\$ 650 00

Maps

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Income	249 45
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	\$1,749 45

Expended:

James Sewell Co.	\$ 2,317 65
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Tax Refunds

Expended	\$ 6,733 16
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Trustees of the Trust Funds

Appropriations:

To Tennis Court Fund	\$1,500 00
To Grader Fund, 1972 Balance	3,000 00
To Grader Fund, 1973	3,000 00
Income to Trusts	1,995 00
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	\$9,495 00

Expended:

To Grader Fund	\$ 6,000 00
To New Trusts	650 00
To Cemetery Trustees	1,345 00
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	\$ 7,995 00
Accounts Payable	1,500 00
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	\$ 9,495 00

Temporary Loans

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	\$500,000 00
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Interest

Appropriated	\$8,000 00
Expended:	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 9,793 30

**Article 16 of 1971
Land Purchase**

Balance of Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Expended:	
Leonard Boissonault Land	\$ 3,500 00

Article 4 – Land Fill

Appropriation	\$15,000 00
Expended	\$ 2,639 25

Article 8 – Highways

Appropriation	\$8,000 00
Expended	\$ 7,977 91

Article 12 – Land Purchase

Appropriation	\$15,000 00
Expended	\$ 0 00

Article 13 – Tennis Court Reserve
See Trustees' Account above.

Article 9 – Grader

Appropriation	\$27,750 00
Expended	\$ 27,758 75

Article 11 – Revaluation

Appropriation	\$28,000 00
Expended:	
United Appraisal Company	\$ 14,289 00

Funds Transferred to CD's

On Deposit to Souhegan National Bank	\$765,000 00
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County Tax

Expended:
County of Hillsborough \$ 80,754 42

Resident Tax

Expended:
State of New Hampshire \$ 2,727 15

Yield Tax

Expended:
State of New Hampshire \$ 517 99

Taxes Bought by the Town

Expended:
Tax Collector of Amherst \$ 11,855 50

Precinct Tax

Expended:
Amherst Village District \$ 1,673 58

School District of Amherst

Balance of 1972-1973 Appropriation \$ 735,724 81

Appropriation 1973-1974 1,759,694 22

\$2,495,419 03

Expended:
1972-1973 Appropriation \$735,724 81
1973-1974 Appropriation 787,000 00

\$1,522,724 81

Due School District \$ 972,694 22

Notes Payable

Appropriation \$16,250 00

Expended:
Herbert Wenzel \$ 16,250 00

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

The following is a summarized report of this department's activities during 1973.

Winter Maintenance — \$58,700.18

The winter maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from about December first to the middle of March. All road clearing due to snow and ice storms is charged to this account. We have approximately 110 miles of roads to care for with five hired trucks with plows, one Town tractor, three Town trucks, and one grader. We have tried to give school bus routes and areas where children walk to school or to meet buses special attention. We also clear snow from some sidewalks in the village as well as snow removal from both the Wilkins and Clark Schools, the Fire Station, Library, Old Brick School and the Town Hall.

The other main work done in winter consists of cutting trees and brush. Areas where future construction is contemplated are more economically cleared in the winter, as it is possible to burn all brush at the site and eliminate costly hauling to the dump area. During the winter of '72-'73, brush and trees were cut on the County Road, Pond Parish Road and on the Corduroy Road when possible.

Sand is being used in larger amounts in order to cut the use of rock salt, in the name of ecology, but this does not save money, and it takes longer to make the roads safe for travel. Also, this method of ice control will require more clean-up in the spring than the use of just salt for ice control. The cooperation of the public in the form of reduced speed is also necessary during storm periods in order for this program to work. Should the gasoline shortage affect this department, it will be necessary to increase the amount of salt to be used on the roads.

Summer Maintenance — \$30,046.48

All general maintenance from the middle of March to

December 1 is covered under this account. Included is the grading, use of the York rake on 34 gravel roads several times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs, etc. on all roads. Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system, and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1973 several roads were spot graveled. They were: County Rd., Stearns Rd., Pond Parish Rd., Austin Rd., Dodge Rd., Brook Rd., Mack Hill Rd., Stockwell Rd., Patch Hill Rd., Souhegan Ave., Nichols Rd., Thorntons Ferry Rd. No. 2, Old Manchester Rd., and School House Rd. Culverts were replaced on: Mack Hill Rd., Austin Rd., Bates Rd., Southfield Rd., Eaton Rd., Spring Rd., New Boston Rd., Old Manchester Rd., Dodge Rd., Oak Hill Rd., Baboosic Lake Rd. Brush was cut on approximately 100 miles of road, and in some areas this was done a second time. Brush was cut on Mack Hill Rd., Sprague Rd., and at corners and intersections.

Many hours were spent replacing street signs. The old wooden signs are being replaced by a more durable metal sign with steel posts. Complete replacement of all wooden signs will be accomplished over several years.

Oiling — \$28,909.48

Under this account 22.0 miles of road were resurfaced with approximately 64,500 gallons of asphalt. The roads were: Aglipay Dr., Brook Rd., Camp Rd., Buckridge Dr., Chestnut Hill, Dodge Rd., Highland Dr., Horace Greeley Rd., Junkins Rd., Baboosic Lake Rd., Mack Hill, Merrimack Rd., Oak Hill Dr., Old Manchester Rd., Pettingale Rd., Pine Rd., Pinewood Dr., Pinnacle Rd., Rocky Hill, Spring Rd., Stearns Rd., Truell Rd., Walnut Hill, Willow Lane, and Patch Hill Rd.

The cost of patching all black roads and sweeping of all roads to be re-oiled is covered under this oiling appropriation. 11,500 gallons of waste oil were applied to gravel roads where dust is a problem.

Town Road Aid — \$15,031.27

T.R.A. is a program started in 1947 by the State to help towns improve their roads. Money for this account is raised on a 15% town cost and 85% State aid. Supervision is jointly held by the State and the Road Agent. Under this account money was spent on the Corduroy Road.

Gas Subsidy — \$34,036.68

This is a program started in 1971 by the State to help towns improve their roads and the care of their roads. Money for this account is 100% State aid. Projects financed under this account in 1973 were: part of the cost of Corduroy Road, and the complete rebuilding of 1750 feet of Spring Road from the junction of Baboosic Lake Road east.

Article 8 — Road Improvement — \$7,955.91

Money under this account was spent to gravel and black top 825 feet of Oak Hill Road and to completely rebuild 1100 feet of Mack Hill Road from the junction of Austin Road to the junction of Roberge Drive.

Parks and Playgrounds — \$3,817.79

Money under this account is spent to maintain eight town commons, two playgrounds, the Old Brick School yard, Wilkins and Clark School grounds. Some of the work at the Library comes under this account. This work consists of raking and picking up leaves, mowing and trimming the grass, care of the park fences, and the constant picking up of papers, etc. from the lawns. Town trash barrels are placed in these areas during the summer and have helped keep our village picked up. Also, mowing of the Little League ball field outside the regular playgrounds comes under this account.

This past year the fence at the Brick School and the park fence were in constant need of repair. We did not have the funds to do all the work which should be done. It is necessary that we include funds in the 1974 budget to cover the cost of repairing the fences.

Cemeteries — \$6,371.37

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries: Meadowview, The Old Cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner and the Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Some of the work accomplished this year other than the regular raking, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries was: (1) a new tool house was built at Meadowview Cemetery, the money for which came from the Trustees of the Cemeteries (from the sale of lots, burials, etc.), (2) a new fence was installed on the northeast side of Meadowview Cemetery to replace the old wire fence which was in bad need of repair, (3) a large area at the rear of Chestnut Hill Cemetery was cleared, and it is hoped this can be graded and seeded in 1974, and (4) the plans of a new water system were completed and the job was put out to bid. It is hoped this work can be completed early in the spring of 1974.

It was necessary to suspend the program of rebuilding lots, etc., until this water system is installed.

Dumps — \$9,075.00

Money from this account paid for the custodian's time, the hiring of a bulldozer several times during the year, and the constant hauling of gravel to cover the dump driving area. We were able to start a program of covering areas at the dump that can no longer be used. A large area next to the main entrance was covered and seeded. In 1974 the area next to Dodge Road will be covered in the spring, and eventually, as the Sanitary Landfill develops, the remainder of the dump area will be graded and seeded.

I would like you, the taxpayer, to know that your highway department is doing everything possible to give you good service and to keep the cost of operation down. With this in mind, we have tried to assist various other departments whenever possible. We have asked for a new truck in 1974 to replace a 1969 vehicle, and we hope to keep the older vehicle as a stand-by for winter maintenance, oiling, etc. This has been tried in other Highway Departments and appears to be a good move.

A new salt bin was built at the Town Barn yard by department employees. The old salt bin which was part of the

original building was made available for vehicles. This year a small addition has been asked for to provide toilet facilities and a parts room, which are long overdue. No other building needs are contemplated in the near future.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Selectmen and the Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1973, and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department's programs. I would also like to mention the help given this department by the Amherst Police Department in alerting us of adverse road conditions and hazards as they develop.

Any comments and suggestions on how your Highway Department can better serve you are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER, Highway Agent

AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report — 1973

The following is a summary of the Amherst Fire Department's activities in 1973.

The Amherst Fire Department responded to a total of 97 calls during the year, of which 7 were major structural fires, as compared to 59 calls last year, and 4 were major fires.

Amherst Fire Calls			
House	7	Dump	10
Brush	7	Auto Accidents	3
Auto	13	Grass	8
Chimney	8	Oven	1
Oil Burner	3	Trash	2
Washing Machine	2	Truck	2
Mattress	1	Electrical	1
Gas wash down	4	T.V.	1
Misc.	8	Smoke Check	7

We received mutual aid 6 times and went out of town 9 times.

The Amherst Fire Department is made up of three engine companies, and listed below are their officers:

Engine One:

Captain Joe Luongo

Lt. Dave Hanlon

This engine responded to 32 calls in 1973.

Engine Two:

Captain Dave Sliney

Lt. Edward Houck

This engine responded to 61 calls in 1973. This truck is used for most of the out-of-town mutual aid calls.

Engine Three:

Captain Robert Hall

Lt. Mike Riccitelli

This engine responded to 75 calls in 1973.

Engine Four:

A 1960 International 4-wheel drive brush truck. As this is a smaller piece of equipment, it is easier to manipulate through the woodlands, enabling us to perform a greater service in the area of wood fires. This engine responded to 24 calls in 1973.

Engine Five:

A military surplus vehicle was obtained through our Civil Defense Department at no cost to the Town. The 10-wheel vehicle has a water capacity of 2,000 gallons. This truck responded to 17 calls in 1973.

To report a fire, dial 673-3131. This is the phone number of the Communications Center, which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, and Mont Vernon 24 hours a day. Please give the property owner's name, the street name and the town when reporting a fire.

The members of each company have a drill every Monday of the month. Then a combined drill with all companies is held on the first Monday of the month.

The Amherst Fire Department is starting a Fire Prevention Team, which will help the people of Amherst have a fire safe home. Because of a legal technicality, this team cannot inspect your house, etc., without a request from you.

In closing, the Wards would like to thank our Selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the members of the three engine companies for their time and effort put forth toward accomplishing the work of the department. Also, many thanks to the people of Amherst for the support they give the department.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Chief
RICHARD G. CROCKER, First Assistant
DAVID HERLIHY, JR., Second Assistant

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the forest fire warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the fire warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn, or it is raining. The fire warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief, who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

Fire prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need, with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool, but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

Forest Fire Record:

	State	District	Town
Fires reported	617	196	10
Acres burned	244	71	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Acres average size	.395		

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Forest Fire Warden

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Fire Chief

AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reports Made:

Accidents	124
Arrests	133
Assaults	9
Blackmail	1
Burglaries	53
Death Reports	6
Dog Complaints	121
Found Property	52
Fraudulent Check	4
Larceny	89
Lost Property	17
Malicious Damage	107
Miscellaneous	273
Missing Persons	13
Nuisance Phone Calls	24
Defrauding an Innkeeper	1
Shooting	1
Prowlers	9
Mutual Aid	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1
Stolen Vehicles	6
Towed Vehicles	7
Criminal Trespass	2
Truants	10
Use of Firearms by Police Officers	6
Lewd Conduct	4
Medical Assistance	20
Impersonating an Officer	1
Bomb Threat	1
Juvenile in Custody	2
False Burglar Alarm	23
Criminal Threat	1

Drugs:

We made 21 arrests for drug related offenses as compared to 4 in 1972. On two occasions we entered private homes with search warrants, found controlled drugs and made arrests.

Traffic:

Our accident rate remained about the same with two more accidents in 1973 than we had in 1972. Most of our accidents occurred between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and we had the least number of accidents between midnight and 8 a.m. Even though we had fewer collisions, more persons were injured in accidents between midnight and 8 than on any other tour of duty.

Our statistics indicate that the intersection of Routes 122 and 101-A has been the scene of more collisions than any other location in our town. Our second busiest intersection is Route 122 and Merrimack Road.

Juveniles:

With the emphasis on crime prevention, we have this year implemented a program under the direction of Officer Simmons to assist juveniles in trouble. Of the 73 juveniles that came to our attention we were able to handle 53 of them without court action. The cooperation of the parents in our program can only be described as overwhelming. Without their understanding and assistance the program would have failed completely.

The purpose of the program is to correct the erring youngster's behavior without entering him into the juvenile court system. Each case is unique, and each young person is treated as an individual. The juvenile officer has met with the juvenile and his parents, and in most cases no further official contact with the family is necessary. Other situations resulted in a little volunteer work on projects around town, restitution of damaged or stolen property, and in 3 cases where we felt the circumstances were serious

enough, young men were sent to the New Hampshire State Rehabilitation Center in Manchester.

Of the 29 cases presented to the juvenile session of the Milford District Court, 7 were drug related.

Dog Control:

Every Spring there are two to three hundred residents who fail to renew their dog licenses and the police department, by law, must contact all these persons and take enforcement action. Following is a report on our activity with dog owners:

48 persons were issued summonses for unlicensed dogs.

142 persons had obtained their licenses before the police arrived.

84 persons no longer had a dog.

17 persons had moved from Amherst.

3 persons could not be located.

Throughout the year 47 unlicensed dogs were impounded. 34 of these unlicensed dogs were put to death.

A police-sponsored dog clinic was held in May where rabies shots were administered by Dr. Phenix of Milford.

Miscellaneous Statistics:

Bicycle Safety — Over 1800 bicycles were inspected and registered (a 300% increase over 1972). Grades 1 through 4 were lectured on bicycle safety and the "Officer Bill" program. A bicycle Rodeo was held at the Wilkins School during summer vacation with 150 participants. Prizes were awarded for skills in bicycle safety.

Traffic Summonses — 351 issued.

Traffic Warnings — 1089 issued.

House Checks — 556 vacant houses were checked.

Pistol Permits — 67 applications for pistol permits were processed.

Amherst Banks — Both were visited by police on routine patrol a total of 1713 times.

Training — Amherst policemen spent 111 days in training sessions.

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1973

PRINCIPAL

No. of Shares	Description of Investments	Balance Beginning of Year	Purchase	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sale	Balance End of Year	Market Value	Income During Year
PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS:								
1376	Broad Street Investing Corporation	\$ 14,565.20		\$ 1,529.99		\$ 16,095.19	\$ 17,492.07	\$ 605.53
3590	Chemical Fund, Inc.	14,213.60		1,785.23		15,998.83	34,748.71	502.56
975	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	11,377.79		427.95		11,805.74	14,150.51	516.53
86	First Financial Group of N.H., Inc.						3,010.00	86.00
3239	National Investors Corporation	11,298.89		1,686.63		12,985.52	23,939.19	323.94
1134	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund, Inc.	10,066.85		590.72		10,657.57	13,500.15	156.48
1507	Puritan Fund, Inc.	13,764.47		149.10		13,913.57	14,018.35	807.10
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	561.22
	Concord Savings Bank	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.00	123.02
	The Manchester Bank	15,000.00				15,000.00	15,000.00	756.71
	Manchesters Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.00	116.08
	Merchants Savings Bank	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.00	113.05
	New Hampshire Savings Bank	5,255.07				5,255.07	5,255.07	268.02
	Souhegan National Bank	3,800.00				3,800.00	3,800.00	199.96
	U.S. Treasury Bonds — 6% — 1982	35,000.00				35,000.00	34,006.00	2,231.63
	Souhegan National Bank — checking account	17.60				17.60		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS		\$150,359.47	\$	\$ 6,169.62	\$	\$156,529.09	\$194,937.65	\$ 7,367.83

INCOME INVESTMENTS:

555	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	\$ 6,558.02	\$	\$ 243.90	\$	\$ 6,801.92	\$ 8,064.74	\$ 538.27
48	First Financial Group of N.H., Inc.	100.00				100.00	1,680.00	48.00
2407	The Manchester Bank	5,429.63	261.22			5,690.85	5,690.85	261.22
	National Dividend Fund	14,133.97		280.32	2.71	14,411.58	7,943.10	778.69
TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS		\$ 26,221.62	\$ 261.22	\$ 524.22	\$ 2.71	\$ 27,004.35	\$ 23,378.69	\$ 1,626.18
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS		\$176,581.09	\$ 261.22	\$ 6,693.84	\$ 2.71	\$183,533.44	\$218,316.34	\$ 8,994.01

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1973

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
	Purpose of Trust Fund	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds (created)	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
COMMON TRUST FUNDS:									
1927	Emma L. Clark Library	\$ 941.15		\$ 40.41	\$ 981.56	\$ 41.72	\$ 48.26	\$ 41.72	\$ 48.26
1945	James Day Library	11,291.50		184.50	11,776.00	500.25	578.60	500.25	578.60
1923	Fannie P. French Library	1,882.00		80.76	1,962.76	83.39	96.44	83.39	96.44
1928	George W. George Library	941.15		40.41	981.56	41.72	48.26	41.72	48.26
1902	Edmund M. Parker Library	1,882.00		80.76	1,962.76	83.39	96.44	83.39	96.44
1957	Anna H. Mosher Library	3,336.84		117.16	3,454.00	120.97	139.92	120.97	139.92
1942	David E. Fisk Highway	2,822.79		121.11	2,943.90	125.05	144.63	125.05	144.63
1867	Aaron Lawrence School	2,822.79		121.11	2,943.90	125.05	144.63	125.05	144.63
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence School	941.15		40.41	981.56	41.72	48.26	41.72	48.26
1876	Isaac Spalding School	16,702.11		716.66	17,418.77	739.96	855.85	739.96	855.85
1964	Bradford-Miles Long-Sullivan Scholarship	10,054.34		346.73	10,401.07	996.34	466.92	225.00	1,238.26
1932	George W. Putnam Cemetery	1,882.00		80.76	1,962.76	911.76	158.89	1,070.65	1,070.65
1938	Alice M. Wilkins Cemetery	3,763.91		161.52	3,925.43	1,746.55	312.58		2,059.13
Various	Perpetual Care: Cemetery	9,497.80		389.65	9,887.45	3,405.13	676.43	328.01	3,753.55
Various	Unrestricted Cemetery	81,597.94		3,347.67	84,945.61	20,426.04	5,177.90	3,206.00	22,397.94
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS		\$150,359.47	\$	\$ 6,169.62	\$156,529.09	\$ 29,389.04	\$ 8,994.01	\$ 5,662.23	\$ 32,720.82
FUNDS SEPARATELY INVESTED									
IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:									
Various	Perpetual care	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 750.00		\$ 8,800.00	\$ 1,474.02	\$ 496.88		\$ 1,970.90
Various	Town of Amherst Fire Truck	10,604.39	4,000.00		14,604.39	949.18	616.32		1,565.50
Various	Town of Amherst Grader	6,000.00	(6,000.00)		none	306.63	263.70		570.33
Various	Town of Amherst Fire District	12,000.00	3,000.00		15,000.00	952.97	690.96		1,643.93
Various	Town of Amherst Scholarship	125.00			125.00	17.14	6.87		24.01
SUB TOTAL		\$ 36,779.39	\$ 1,750.00	\$	\$ 38,529.39	\$ 3,699.94	\$ 2,074.73	\$	\$ 5,774.67
Various	Town of Amherst Cemetery	7,132.07	(5,487.09)		1,644.98	none	199.29		199.29
TOTAL SEPARATELY INVESTED FUNDS		\$ 43,911.46	\$ (3,737.09)	\$	\$ 40,174.37	\$ 3,699.94	\$ 2,274.02	\$	\$ 5,973.96
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		\$194,270.93	\$ (3,737.09)	\$ 6,169.62	\$196,703.46	\$ 33,088.98	\$ 11,268.03	\$ 5,662.23	\$ 38,694.78

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT — 1973

As in past years, the Amherst Tree Committee has concentrated on keeping the trees and ornamental shrubs on the village streets and commons in good health, and replacing those which are lost to disease and old age.

In 1973 we sprayed the elms with both dormant and foliage sprays to reduce the danger of their succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease, using chemicals recommended by the University of N.H. as having no appreciable ill effect on the environment. We pruned the dead branches from elms and maples, and cabled badly forked trees in danger of splitting. We also fertilized the commons and mulched with bark all the trees and shrubs which have been planted during the past ten to twelve years.

In the interest of aesthetics and sanitation, eight dead trees, mostly sugar maples, were cut. Some thirty stumps, left after the cutting of last and previous years, were removed by chipping. As replacements, the following trees were planted: ten Crimson King maples, two paper birch clumps, a flowering crab, and a London plane tree, the last given as a memorial to the late Dr. C. J. Lapniewski.

Thanks must be expressed to the several citizens who supplied water for the regular watering of the newly-planted trees, all of which came through their first season in fine condition.

In 1974 the committee hopes to continue operations much as in the past year, with the addition of loaming some of the commons.

EUGENE I. ROE, Chairman
H. R. BERLACK
J. G. SESSLER
E. C. MASTEN, Ex Officio

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

During the year 1973 the Amherst Town Library has continued to grow. We have acquired 534 new patrons, and our staff has done its usual excellent job of giving service.

The staff and the Board of Trustees have continued their interest to bring better service, when possible, to the town's patrons in attending many workshops and state meetings throughout the year. We belong to the New Hampshire Library Association, District Area Council (part of State-wide Development Program), and the New Hampshire Library Association; we also meet with Mrs. Rachel Sanborn, District Consultant. All this gives us input for a better library.

The Friends of the Library have again been active this year with the annual Book and Bake Sale, Little Red Wagon, Book Discussions, Book Mending, Story Hour, and decorating and special displays. The Friends have benefited the library in many ways. The proceeds from their activities this year will result in a new card catalogue that will soon be added — this is an important and expensive gift that will add considerably to the efficiency of our card system.

The Friends' Board are as follows: Mrs. Edith Martini, chairman; Norma Specker, secretary; Carol Ritchie, treasurer; Barbara Berlack, membership; Mannie Houston, story hour; Bernice Slade, flowers; Wally Alberts, book discussions; Evelyn Dudley, art; and Margaret Gray, advisor.

We have had many gifts of books and magazines which have been gratefully received.

The library, beginning in January, will be open another evening (Wed.), making the total of four evenings until nine o'clock.

Betty Watson, Lucy Ramsay, Betty Lyle have continued on the Book Selection Committee. They meet monthly, and spend many hours to add to our already growing collection.

The Trustees wish to thank all those who have given

gifts, time, and support throughout the year. Our special gratitude goes to the staff: Betty Watson, librarian; Cele Clough, Marion Williston, Sally Suomala, assistants; also to our pages, Lori Wisneski, Barbara Austen, Heidi Seeling and Laura Wolfe, and to Mrs. Pat Cannaday, Arlene Semple and Betty Wight, who are always willing to fill in when needed.

The Johnson Room has continued to be in great demand by town groups for meetings.

Margaret Gray has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the time left by the resignation of Kathleen Ware, who served with great devotion for nine years as chairman. The Staff and Trustees wish to thank Mrs. Ware for her many years of service for the benefit of the library.

John Manning is another new trustee; he replaces Mr. Ben Bundy, who decided not to run again. We all thank Mr. Bundy for his many years (11) of keen interest in the growth of our library.

ELIZABETH LYLE, Chairman

ANN KEEFE

LUCY RAMSAY

MARGARET GRAY

JOHN MANNING

E. DANIEL JOHNSON

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 7, 1974

Circulation statistics for 1973 are as follows:

Adult Fiction	15,493
Adult Non-Fiction	9,949
Juvenile	18,440
Magazines	3,823
Art Prints	55
Records	3,791
Inter-Library Loans	545
Loans to non-residents using State-wide Library Card	493
Films	95
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Grand Total	52,684

534 new patrons were registered.

During 1973, we added by purchase and gifts a total of 1,534 books, exclusive of paperbacks. We discarded 499 worn-out or out-dated books, bringing our total collection to 13,576, a gain of 1,035 volumes.

Our record collection contains a total of 536 titles, including 456 for adults and 80 for children.

The total number of magazines ordered for patron use is now 52, which includes 43 for adults and 9 for children. In addition we also regularly receive gift contributions of 13 magazines, plus 5 subscriptions. With 6 book review publications for use by the staff and Book Selection Committee members, we receive a total of 76 periodicals.

New magazine titles added this year for the children are: "American Girl," and "Horse of Course." New for the adults are "American Rifleman," "Camp and Trailing Guide," "Early American Life," "Gourmet," "Money," "Reader's Digest," "Vermont Life," and "Vogue."

Newspapers were a new feature in the Library in 1973, namely the "Sunday New York Times," "Wall Street Jour-

nal," "Boston Herald Traveler," "New Hampshire Times," and "Christian Science Monitor." These are for use in the Library and are not circulated. Back issues are kept for 6 months for reference use.

During 1973 we borrowed a total of 3,704 titles from the State Bookmobile to supplement our collection. This included 752 Adult Fiction, 710 Adult Non-Fiction, 2,213 Juvenile, and 29 Records.

The Johnson Meeting Room was used for 154 meetings and workshops, including 73 meetings by various town organizations. Among the library programs were the extremely successful and well-organized pre-school Story Hours and the Book Repair workshops, both sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Children's Summer Reading Program was held for four weeks in July with 151 children taking part. A total of 827 books were read and reported on. Ninety children qualified for Reading Certificates and attendance at the morning performance of the Little Red Wagon followed by refreshments, hosted by the Friends of the Library.

This year has seen us become noticeably more of a reference and study center for our citizens. All seating is usually completely taken after school by the students, and evenings are nearly as popular, with both adults and students making use of the facilities. The staff spends many hours aiding in the search for information.

We are continually making efforts to up-grade our collection, weeding worn and out-dated material, adding popular new fiction titles, timely non-fiction, and replacing worn out standard works with new and up-dated versions.

Also, we are planning to increase our open hours from 36 to 41½ hours per week. We will add Wednesday evenings to our open schedule and add ½ hour to each evening's closing time. Our schedule will then be:

Monday	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our deep thanks is extended to the Friends of the Library for their many, many contributions of time, services and financial gifts, all of which greatly increase and enhance the Library's services to the people of Amherst.

Our thanks also to the Trustees of the Library, who continue to direct and support our efforts to furnish good library service for Amherst residents.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY S. WATSON, Librarian

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1973

INCOME

General Fund Balance Jan. 3, 1973	\$ 382 83
Gift for General Expenses	10 00
Chairs sold	35 00
Gifts for Books & Magazines	167 14
Income Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund	86 75
Fines collected	
\$1,965.46 ('72 bal.) plus \$1,773.83 ('73)	3,739 27
From Town Trust Funds	871 44
From Town Appropriation	22,410 00
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Total Income	\$27,702 43
Less Expenses	25,700 98
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	\$ 2,001 45

EXPENSES and BUDGET

	1973 Expenses	1974 Budget
Librarians' Salaries	\$14,825 32	\$17,830 00
Custodian	1,200 00	1,200 00
Books:		
Town Budget	3,200 00	3,700 00
Fines	2,221 51	
Gifts	91 44	
Warren Fund	86 75	
Total for Books	(5,599 40)	
Records	251 89	250 00
Magazines:		
From Budget	250 00	350 00
From Gifts	75 00	
From Fines	42 24	
Total for Magazines	(367 24)	
Supplies & Bindings	563 85	600 00
Bldg. & Grnds.	683 99	500 00

Phone	309 39	330 00
Lights	832 52	900 00
Heat	925 78	950 00
Miscellaneous	141 60	250 00

	\$25,700 98	\$26,860 00
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Appropriation Request:

Cash balance, general account, Jan. 3, 1974	\$ 525 93
Expected from Town Trust Fund	850 00
Appropriation Request	25,484 07

\$26,860 00

Checking Account Balance, Jan. 3, 1974:

General Fund Cash Balance	\$ 525 93
Fines Account Balance	1,475 52

\$ 2,001 45

Cash from Insurance to replace
stolen record player

258 95

Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,260 40
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Funds in Manchester Bank Savings Account:

Anna H. Mosher, gifts	\$ 800 00
Honora Spalding, gift	500 00
Jennifer Carlsmith Memorial Account	130 02
Laura E. and James F. Wanless Memorial	692 44

\$ 2,122 46

Accumulated Dividends	1,001 90
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Total in Bank Account	\$ 3,124 36
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(Dividends will be used for purchase of
card file, typewriter, etc.)

Note: 99 shares of stock of the Alyce and Sam Warren Book Fund are in the hands of the Trustees of the Town Trust Funds.

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
STEPHEN NOBLE

1973 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment held 8 meetings during the year 1973. Eleven cases were submitted, 5 for variances, 5 for special exceptions and one appeal from an administrative decision. One case was withdrawn. The action on the 10 cases was as follows:

- 2 variances granted
- 2 variances denied
- 4 special exceptions granted
- 1 special exception decision postponed
- 1 appeal of administrative decision to be heard.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

HOWARD BOOTHROYD, Chairman
RUSSELL T. STEEVES, Jr., Vice Chairman
C. THOMAS CARSON, Secretary
ARNOLD C. DICKINSON
ROGER M. BROWN

REPORT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

1973 brought the first full time Zoning Administrator to Amherst. A total of 378 permit applications (all classes) were processed this year. The approximate value of construction doubled from 4½ million dollars in 1972 to a little over 9 million dollars in 1973.

A great deal of work has been done to form a better administrative relationship with all the various agencies involved in the Zoning process, Planning Board, Historic District Commission, Board of Adjustment and Conserva-

tion Commission. Also, reports of all structural damage caused by fire are filed from the Fire Department. Problems resulting from driveway, culvert, etc. construction are resolved with advice of the Road Agent.

A new Water Pollution Ordinance was written this year, and through working with installers, designers and state agencies, some major problems in this area are being corrected. Public interest in this area is keen, and the Administrator has met with several groups of residents to review their concerns and explain procedures.

The process for keeping records has been improved and will be improved more in the coming year to make information more readily available. There have been no appeals to the Board of Adjustment from a decision of the administrative official, and no new litigation involving the Town has been initiated or resulted from the 378 applications processed this year.

The economic indicators, though slower at the end of the year, do not, necessarily, indicate a major drop in overall construction for Amherst in the coming year. While the number of new dwellings may drop, other types of construction, commercial and/or industrial, will fill some of the gap.

The administration of a complete zoning ordinance has one inherent problem, that of keeping a balance between those who regard all zoning as an infringement on their individual property rights; those who would use zoning to seek favored treatment; those who would use zoning as a means to restrict growth; and those who view zoning as an essential tool for necessary planned and orderly growth. To the end of maintaining that balance, the continued interest of the public is solicited, and the assistance of the Board of Selectmen and other public officials has been appreciated. Zoning cannot return a community, with the vitality of Amherst, to a rural, pastoral setting of twenty years ago. Life in an organized society involves an unavoidable clash of individual interests.

REPORT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL 1973

Number of Permits	Approx.		1972		1971		1970	
	#	Val.	#	Val.	#	Val.	#	Val.
New Dwellings	155	\$6,113,000	117	\$3,935,600	134	NA	95	\$1,910,400
Add. & Alt.	77	312,250	80	250,649	82	NA	40	106,335
Garage & Barns	29	58,900	20	49,000	10	NA	26	31,160
Util. Bldgs.	16	7,265	10	8,175	18	NA	NA	NA
Pools	12	39,600	13	42,600	14	NA	14	8,000
Home Occupations	18	NA	7	900	NA	NA	15	10
Signs	21	1,650	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Comm. & Indust.	11	1,134,000	8	227,540	12	NA	1	31,672
Fences	10	2,230	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Public (School)	1	1,612,000					1*	70,000
Misc.	29	1,075	7	NA	5	NA	1	NA
TOTALS	378	\$9,281,970	269	\$4,514,564	306	\$4,863,044	218	\$2,249,877

*Library Add.

Number Inspections — 1973

Violations investigated and corrected — 1973:

Zoning	1545
Building Code	46
Septic	314
Miscellaneous Complaints	117
Total Income for 1973 — from Treas.	154
Total Expenses, Mileage, etc. — from Vouchers	\$12,798.83
Number extra meetings attended —	\$952.26
(Planning Board, Hist. Dist. Comm., etc.)	21

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The impact of the Wetlands Zoning passed at last year's Town Meeting has been far reaching during this year. The Town has procured a set of maps defining the wetlands areas. This tool has been a great asset to the Town in protecting its water courses and wetlands.

The Board reviewed the subdivision regulations and state planning recommendations. Among many things the regulations call for are more detailed soil survey for better land control, preservation of existing features of historic or scenic value and the encouragement of open spaces. Along with the revised Subdivision Regulations the Zoning Ordinance has been tightened, and the Board finally adopted "by-laws" which outline the operational procedures and functions of the Board, including absenteeism and election of officers.

By using these new tools, the Board has encouraged five developers to set aside approximately fifty acres of land as open space. This is an important step in helping to retain the character of our Town. These new tools are positive steps for implementation of Master Planning.

As directed by the Town Meeting last year, the Planning Board took further action towards this goal by interviewing Planning Firms. After these interviews, the Board selected the Manchester firm of Butler, Kelleher and Neville, Inc. and the Nashua Regional Planning Commission to assist it in taking further action.

Through an article in the 1974 Town Warrant, we are asking the active and financial support of the Town to continue the implementation of a Master Plan.

ROBERT JACKSON, Chairman

REPORT OF THE AMHERST CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1973

1973 was a year of both accomplishment and frustration for your conservation commission.

One real achievement was the 23-acre addition to the A. H. Plumb Memorial Forest. (When payments are completed, our land acquisition trust fund will be down to \$6,000.) The forest is now 68 acres in extent and is accessible from both Chestnut Hill and Brook Roads. Three intersecting trails have been laid out and color blazed. The blue trail was constructed with cross country skiers especially in mind; we'd appreciate suggestions for its improvement. Maps of the forest are now available at both entrances.

In the Joe English Reservation trails have been recleared, and the new Crocker bridge replaces planks crossing the lower part of the brook. Come spring, we will replace the Boy Scout bridge at the beaver pond and color blaze the trails. The only expense incurred, by the way, has been for materials; all labor has been provided by the members of the commission and by friends of conservation.

Our failure, despite two years of effort, to expand Amherst's conservation land in the major watershed area of Joe English Brook (except for the Plumb Forest addition) has been a source of great frustration.

This year we have been working with Allan and Dorothy Carlsmith toward developing a conservation easement that will give permanent protection to their stretch of Beaver Brook — an easement we hope will serve as a model and as an incentive for others. We stand ready to assist anyone who wishes to secure such protection.

The commission has been pleased with the awareness of the town as a whole of the need to conserve our natural resources. We would cite the \$15,000 the 1973 meeting voted for land acquisition, the new public health ordinance, the new subdivision regulations, and the wetlands ordinance. Experience with this last, however, has already shown it

leaves much to be desired and needs revision if it is to be fully effective. Real problems have arisen from the fact that various wetland areas have either been omitted from the map completely or been inaccurately delineated.

A law passed by the 1973 legislature has made conservation commissions responsible for investigating and reporting to the Special Board in Concord on all dredge-and-fill applications — from a nontechnical conservationist point of view. In the waning months of the year commission members spent many hours on this business. Through necessity the commission soon developed a procedure for investigating each application properly and acting on it fairly as quickly as possible.

At the request of the selectmen, the commission conducted on-site investigations of several parcels of town-owned land (primarily taken for tax delinquency). In our subsequent report we noted that certain of the pieces would make valuable town conservation land, and asked that such be placed under our official management. One in particular is a 16-acre lot on Chestnut Hill that will be a real asset when the general area is developed. Another is a 30-acre lot in the Witches Brook watershed in the Amherst-Hollis line, the brook being part of the Nashua water system. The Ford Foundation has granted funds intended in part for legal and surveying costs on this land; matching funds will come from private donations already at hand.

As part of the general responsibility legislated on your commission for the best use of our town's land, a major concern for us is the preservation of open space, since that open space is a prime factor in making Amherst such a desirable place to live in. In recent years our town has been staggering under the pressures of overly rapid development. Such development has often been seen as an asset to a community, as a means of broadening the tax base and easing the burden on present residents. A study we made this year strongly suggests, however, that for Amherst the opposite has been true, that Amherst's interests would be far better served by serious efforts to keep land open.

Using budget and population figures from the 1972 town report, we did a case study of a completed Amherst development in the middle price range. This development has 22 houses with a total of 96 residents. The following table shows our findings:

1. 1973 school costs per school-age child (Amherst)	\$ 1,160 00
2. 1973 per capita municipal costs (Amherst)	58 98
3. Per family school cost (development — average of 1.82 school-age children per house)	2,111 00
4. Per family municipal service cost (development — average of 4.36 persons per house)	257 00
5. Per family total school & municipal costs (development)	2,368 00
6. Average assessed evaluation (development)	27,378 00
7. 1973 tax rate	48 10
8. Average property tax (development)	1,334 00
9. Average deficit to town budget (development)	—1,034 00
10. Break-even average assessed valuation (development)	49,230 00
11. Total 1973 cost to town of school and municipal services for the development	52,096 00
12. Total 1973 taxes paid by development	29,353 00
13. Total deficit to the town	—22,744 00

While case studies of other Amherst developments might result in somewhat different figures, the evidence of this study strongly suggests that the town needs to consider seriously the economic as well as the aesthetic benefit of purchasing land slated for development. As we did in 1973, through a warrant article your conservation commission is again asking for your continued financial support in helping us acquire some of the land still available.

One final note: as has been our practice for several years, in 1973 we again sponsored two Amherst youths at the Youth Conservation Camp, Frank Brown and Michael Overlander.

ALICE E. ARNOLD, Co-chairman
 HERBERT I. HARDING, Co-chairman
 CHARLES L. BACON
 DONALD T. EGER
 ROLAND K. FRASER
 JOHN R. MONSON
 WALLACE F. WARREN

AMHERST HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT — 1973

The Historic District Commission received a total of 14 permit applications during the year 1973. The permit applications were as follows (total exceeds 14 as some applications applied for more than one permit):

- 4 additions to present structures (one denied)
- 3 exterior renovations
- 2 accessory buildings (both denied)
- 3 signs (all denied)
- 4 use (three denied)
- 1 interior renovation
- 2 fences
- 1 footbridge (outside district boundaries)

Eight meetings were held in 1973. Regular meetings are held in January, April, July and October, and are open to the public. Records and minutes of the Historic District Commission are kept at the Town Hall and are available for inspection.

The definition and application of home occupation and accessory buildings to Historic District purposes caused some concern in 1973. Suggestions by the Amherst Historic District Commission on these matters were forwarded to the Zoning Administrator.

Two resignations were received in 1973 — Edward Houck and John Enright.

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY EGER, Chairman
G. WINTHROP BROWN
ROSAMOND BUCHANAN
CHARLES HOOD
FRANCIS PERRY

AMHERST RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission, in general, continued with the same athletic program as last year, adding more hours of activity and instruction for the ever-increasing population. As the year progressed, it became obvious to us that in the future the number of children and adults in any one program would have to be limited, unless the facilities for these activities were increased or expanded. With the completion of the new school and gymnasium and the Commission's project at the Wilkins School fields, hopefully we will be able to continue to include all who sign up for each program.

The winter months began with programs of basketball and volleyball held at the Wilkins School. Men's basketball proves very popular, as does women's volleyball, both played in the evening. The Biddy League Basketball had an unprecedented turnout of over 100 boys in grades 5 through 8. Carl Wheeler directed this program with the aid of many volunteer fathers. A girls' basketball program was held for girls in grades 6 through 8 and proved very successful.

Skating instruction was offered at Baboosic Lake Park under Miss Karen Lane. The weather proved to be most uncooperative, and the skating season ended too abruptly. An attempt to begin hockey practice was made and proved most successful.

Spring saw Wilkins field in demand daily. Over 80 girls participated in softball program held two nights a week under the direction of Sue Blakeman and volunteer mothers. The Junior Baseball program had to stagger their games and practices due to the over 200 boys who participated. The Commission feels that all boys should be given the opportunity of playing in this program, and therefore no one is turned away.

Tennis instruction was again offered at the town courts. A total of 124 children and adults participated in this program held from May to August.

Summer brought another very successful program at

Baboosic Lake Park, under the leadership of Carl Wheeler, director. Instruction in swimming highlighted the program plus a very enthusiastic swim team. Arts and Crafts again proved to be a very popular activity. A new basketball hoop was installed and enthusiastically received. Thanks to the Shildneck family for donating a rebound tennis frame and net which will be ready for this next summer. The Library generously donated a hedge, and the Jr. Women's Club donated many hours in the planting of this. Many social functions were again held at the Park. June brought Barry Martin's Jazz Band, which was enjoyed by many families. Dances highlighted the month of July, as did the Family Steak Cook-out which in its second year proves to be an extremely popular event. Chef Herb Wenzel again cooked over 200 steaks to perfection.

Soccer again was held at the Wilkins School, under the direction of Pete Houston. A total of 61 boys and 23 girls signed up to play. Soccer was played on 12 dates beginning in June and ending August first.

The Recreation Commission undertook a very large project in trying to provide our approximately 900 elementary school children four more athletic fields. This endeavor was sparked by a generous contribution made to the Commission by the Raymond LeBlanc fund, raised in memory of Raymond, an active sports participant. A donation from the Bean Foundation also made this possible. Gifts from area business and local citizens, together with the above-mentioned funds, amount to \$6,200.00 this year, leaving a balance due of \$2,800.00 on the total cost. We are most grateful for the widespread support of this project.

The Recreation Commission extends many thanks to all the people who have given of their time and support to the programs presented. Particular thanks go to the School Officials for allowing the use of school facilities for Recreational purposes.

NANCY COOK (Chairman)

SUE BLAKEMAN

PETER GEORGE

ANN HOPKINS

DOUG MacKENZIE

REPORT OF THE AMHERST RESCUE SQUAD FOR 1973

During its first year of service to the town, the Amherst Rescue Squad has seen much growth and development. In October, 1972, the Squad went into service with 23 members. At the end of 1973 there are 26 members. A goal of 30 members is set during 1974. As the town grows and new areas are developed, additional personnel will be needed.

The Squad holds a two-hour first aid drill and a two-hour rescue drill every month. At this time, among squad members are 23 Advanced Red Cross First Aiders, 8 E.M.T. graduates, 3 Red Cross First Aid Instructors, 1 E.M.T. instructor, 1 Heart Association C.P.R. instructor, and 3 nurses. From time to time members attend special training classes to supplement the regular training.

During 1973 the Squad has held training sessions for life guards at Baboosic Lake and the Amherst Swim Club, as well as for Boy Scouts and the Senior Life Saving classes at Baboosic Lake.

From October 1972 to the end of 1973 the Squad responded to the following calls:

22 highway accidents	11 miscellaneous
18 home accidents	3 transported to hospital
19 home illnesses	3 calls out of town
20 fires	

A total of 109 persons were assisted.

The rescue truck is in excellent condition and should serve well for several years. The Squad does have plans for some additional work to be done on the truck during 1974, which will accommodate additional equipment and provide additional outside lighting.

Nearly \$4,000.00 has been raised this past year from private sources. Thanks to the Bean Foundation, the Amherst Junior Women's Club, and Amherst Auto Parts, special equipment for the truck and personnel has been purchased.

The Squad will continue to raise funds for much of the additional equipment needed, but it is felt that the town should purchase any items for the protection of the Squad members and its patients, and all training and training aids.

The Squad would like to start a first aid program in the schools and for the townspeople. We feel that a first aid program should be available to all townspeople, in particular firemen, police and highway employees, school teachers and school bus drivers.

The Chief and Deputy are going to work with the Department of Civil Preparedness (Civil Defense) to develop a master plan for the use of the town officials in time of an emergency. This plan is required to keep the town eligible for matching funds and surplus equipment (example: half of the telephone and office expenses are being paid by matching funds, and the fire department tanker was obtained through surplus equipment at no cost to the town).

I wish to thank the members of the Amherst Rescue Squad for their many hours of training and work. Their volunteer time and energy have resulted in a service of which our town can be proud.

SELECTMEN'S NARRATIVE

At the close of each year it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to report on Administrative activities, developments within the Town, their concern within certain areas and recommendations for your favorable consideration.

The complexion of the Board changed twice during the course of the year. Frank Whaland was elected by the voters in March, Francis Perry, was appointed to the Board in July to replace John B. Enright who tendered his resignation.

To implement the operation and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Water Pollution Control Regulations and Building Code, Thomas Ring was appointed Amherst's first full time Zoning Administrator. A new schedule of fees for various permits was made effective with the objective of making the activities of this office self supporting. This objective was accomplished. The activities of this department are outlined in the Administrator's report and indicate the scope.

Considering the fact that there was limited procedural background for guidance and that the Zoning Regulations, and Water Pollution Regulations were subject to major revisions, we believe Mr. Ring has discharged his duties in a manner, which has resulted in no legal challenge and a minimum of criticism. The duties and the responsibilities of this office to enforce the ordinance and regulations, which represent the wishes of Amherst citizens, present some personal hazards to the Administrator regardless as to whether his decisions may be Yes or No.

A sincere effort was made to improve the lines of communications between the Selectmen and various Boards, Commissions and Committees including the Board of Education. Meetings between the Selectmen and individual groups has helped to clarify the areas of duties and responsibilities. Such activities should be continuous in nature

and are part of any program to build a more efficient local government.

The decision of the Town Meeting to reassess or revalue all property within the Town for taxing purposes effective as of April 1st, 1974, was implemented with the selection of the United Appraisal Co., of East Hartford, Conn. Incidentally, this is the same company that performed a similar service for Amherst in 1965.

As of Dec. 31, the current reappraisal program was about 50 per cent completed and all indications are that the job will be completed on schedule.

It should be noted that reappraisal of property valuations for a tax base will not make for lower tax bills. Its objective is to bring about greater equity between owners of similar properties and make reasonably sure that all types of properties, residential, commercial and undeveloped land carry its fair share of the total tax load.

Amherst continues to be a growing community with new home construction exceeding 100 units per year. Our population figure exceeds 6,700. There are in excess of 4,500 Motor Vehicles, some 1,200 registered bicycles and over 1,000 dogs. Each year several miles of new roads are accepted and the wear and tear on old roads and bridges due to increased traffic becomes more noticeable. The search for ways and means to cope with the many growth factors continues on the part of elected officers, members of Committees, Commissions and Departmental employees. The cooperation of Amherst citizens individually and collectively with local government is vital if growth is to be reasonably managed.

This continued growth is reflected each year in increases in most areas of the Town Budget. As the budget increases it creates fiscal problems for the individual citizen and in the Administration of Town affairs. Amherst like most other towns in New Hampshire, operates on a calendar fiscal year and on deficit income, since its major source of income, tax revenues are not received until November and December.

Thus the Town must borrow monies in anticipation of tax revenues to meet not only its own operating obligations but also to meet the operating needs of the School District. Since 1967 the amount borrowed and the cost has increased ten fold from \$50,000 to \$500,000 and interest costs from \$789 to \$9893. It is anticipated that 1974 needs will reach \$765,000 with an interest charge of \$15,000.

At the present time, the Federal Government, the State Government, the County Government and the local School District have a fiscal year covering the period July 1 to June 30, and the Town Government's fiscal year covers the period January 1 to December 31. The short comings of such a set up become more evident each year as we attempt to forecast accurately income and outgo from and to other agencies, particularly as it is related to State and Federal Government. The estimate of receipts of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds with actual receipts is a prime example.

We strongly urge your approval of the proposals to adopt semi-annual tax collections starting in 1975 and to change the fiscal year as of July 1, 1976.

There are two areas of considerable expense facing the Town in 1974. The acquisition of land and construction of a fire station in South Amherst. This project has been strongly recommended for consideration and approval by the Fire Department for several years. The growth of residential properties in this end of Town has been substantial during the past few years and recently there has been a marked increase in commercial and industrial construction along 101A with more anticipated in 1974. The new school will be in operation in the fall of '74. Fire equipment located in the South Amherst area would reduce response time upon receipt of an alarm, which would be a major factor in saving both lives and property. Since fire equipment is specialized construction it requires about 10 months time between firm order and delivery. Thus the equipment should be ordered in 1974 to insure its being in operation in early 1975.

The second area is the acquisition of land for a sanitary land fill operation, since Amherst must plan to cease open dump burning as of July 1, 1974.

A considerable amount of time and effort has been expended on this project by the Special Committee. Suitable land is not only scarce but at a premium. It is urgent that we take positive action to acquire land. The successful operation of a sanitary land fill presents a basic problem of the economics of town operation vs contract operation. It is quite possible that a recommendation may not be forthcoming by Town Meeting time and that a special Town Meeting will be in order to resolve the question.

The concept of Regional Solid Waste disposal, its advantages and disadvantages is also under consideration. The acceptance of such a program will be a decision of the voters.

The preparation of the annual Town Budget is the responsibility of the Selectmen by statute. Its preparation requires considerable time on the part of department heads, committees and commissions and a review in detail by the Selectmen, before final approval for submission to the voters. Such reviews weigh the justification of the proposals in terms of need to provide for minimal efficient service, growth, the impact of inflationary pressures, the need to provide for obsolescence, for proper maintenance of highways, equipment and town buildings and to insure fair working conditions and competitive remuneration for employees. It also becomes important to weigh the priority of needs as between essential services as performed by various departments and those services or proposals which may be desirable but not essential to the health and welfare, safety or convenience of the citizens.

The impact of the energy crisis in 1974 on proposed activities and costs of operation are difficult to appraise, the budget provides for a reasonable impact.

The 1974 Budget is presented as a total gross budget, as it was in 1973. Thus of the total budget presented, 60 per

cent will be funded from revenue sources other than tax dollars and 40 per cent from property tax revenue. This approximate relationship has been the pattern for many years in the past.

The need to study ways and means to improve the operation of local government is urgent and continuous. Of this fact, the Selectmen are fully aware. It is their intent, as in 1973, to implement such improvements where it is within their powers and to recommend to the voters, those improvements which require their approval.

In conclusion, the Board extends its thanks to all employees, department heads, committee chairmen, and other officers, committee members and volunteers for their contribution to their community.

EDWARD C. MASTEN, Chairman

In Memoriam

John B. Enright

Selectman 1971-1973

Clerk 1972

Planning Board 1968-1971

Chairman 1968

Historic District Commission 1972

Ways and Means Committee

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State of New Hampshire and qualified to vote in

DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the 8th day of March 1974 at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray DISTRICT charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

3. To see if the DISTRICT will vote to transfer into Capital Reserve \$1,000.00 from cash surplus remaining at the end of 1973.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of February, 1974.

HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE

EUGENE I. ROE

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE

EUGENE I. ROE

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The District Water System, now 22 years old, has had a busy year with considerable maintenance having been required. The 200,000 gallon storage tank was sandblasted inside and outside and received a complete repainting. This work, normally done in 14 days, required 4 weeks in May due to excessive rain. During this time over 8 million gallons of water were pumped to keep pressure on the lines. We regret any inconvenience to any of our 235 subscribers due to pressure fluctuations during the painting period. The next painting is scheduled for 1985.

Repayment of \$5,000.00 has reduced the District's indebtedness to \$35,000.00. It may be of interest to the new families in Amherst that the District is a separate entity and not related to the Town municipality. The District is self-supporting by charges for water, and a Precinct tax levied only on those homes in the District.

At this time we extend our thanks for a job well done to Rufus Brown, who retired from the Board of Commissioners, having served in that capacity since 1961.

It is only fitting to express our regret in the death of George Hyde last year. He was one of the original Commissioners and a key figure in organizing the District in 1948.

Again we extend our appreciation to Edward Marchildon, John Hanlon, Joe Luongo and Kay and Ray Kruger for their sustained interest in maintaining the affairs of the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD, Chairman
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
EUGENE I. ROE

Commissioners, Amherst Village District

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1973

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 9,959 57	
Accounts Receivable, including Dec. 31 bills	5,568 00	
	-----	\$ 15,527 57
Water System	\$ 1,179 60	
Land for Buildings, Wells, Pumps, Mains, etc.	150,252 71	
	-----	151,432 31

		\$166,959 88

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$ 35,000 00	
Excess over Liabilities	131,959 88	
	-----	\$166,959 88

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET — 1974

Estimates of receipts and expenditures for coming year

January 1 to December 31, 1974

Estimates and actual receipts and expenditures of previous year

January 1 to December 31, 1973

ACCOUNT	Estimated 1973	Received 1973	Estimated 1974
Cash on hand, Jan. 1	\$ 949.14	\$ 949.14	\$ 1,150.45
Capital Reserve, Jan. 1	12,408.69	12,408.69	8,309.12
Stock, Manchester Bank	500.00	500.00	500.00
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	\$13,857.83	\$13,857.83	\$ 9,959.57
Income Water Service			
Prior year 4th quarter	\$ 4,476.13	\$ 4,476.13	\$ 4,807.25
1st three quarters	6,155.28	5,568.85	5,568.00
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	\$10,631.41	\$10,044.98	\$10,375.25
Other Income			
Hydrant Rental	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 1,755.00
Precinct Tax	1,382.34	1,673.57	**1,326.00
Interest	500.00	495.43	500.00
Pool Water		131.40	
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	\$ 3,637.34	\$ 4,055.40	\$ 3,381.00
Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$28,126.58	\$27,958.21	\$23,915.82
EXPENDITURES			
Bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	843.75	843.75	731.25
Supt. Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Ass't. Supt. Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Tax Coll. Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Treas.-Clerk Salary	800.00	800.00	800.00
Auditors		20.00	
Meters & Repairs	1,400.00		1,100.00
Electricity	2,200.00	1,956.34	2,300.00
Operating Supplies & Main.	1,500.00	1,139.86	1,500.00
Office Supplies	350.00	78.69	350.00
Insurance	275.00	220.00	275.00
Cash on hand	949.14	1,150.45	1,150.45
Cap. Reserve	12,408.69	8,309.12	8,309.12
Stock		500.00	500.00
Tank Painting		6,040.00	
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Totals	\$28,126.58	\$27,958.21	\$23,915.82

**To be raised by taxes 1974 assessed against property WITHIN THE VILLAGE DISTRICT.

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING

March 6, 1973

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls were open from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. at the Wilkins School. Ballot clerks were Catherine Kruger, Marion Sortevik, Pearl Haymes, Roz Buchanan, Marilyn Antonelli, Evelyn Dudley, Joan Marion, Betty Wight and Ann Hopkins.

Assistance to the voters was carried out by Allan Howard.

Moderator Wight was assisted by Town Clerk Bernice Boothroyd, School Clerk Louise Ainsworth and Secretary to Selectmen Barbara Landry. Selectmen Lyons, Enright and Masten were present throughout the day. Supervisors of the checklist were Audrey Spalding, Hazel Henderson and Robert Wishart.

Results of the election were as follows:

Selectman — Frank E. Whaland
Town Clerk — Bernice G. Boothroyd
Tax Collector — Barbara H. Landry
Treasurer — Marion M. Sortevik
Trustee of Trust Fund — Edward Conti
Road Agent — Richard G. Crocker
Board of Adjustment — Roger M. Brown
Auditor — Orson Bragdon
Auditor — Stephen Noble
Library Trustee — Elizabeth Lyle
Library Trustee — John Manning

Summary of the meeting:

Articles 1 and 2 were voted on by ballot during the day.

Art. 1. Election of Officers as stated above.

Art. 2. Amendment 1. Change Rural area to Residential area as outlined in red on zoning map.

YES — 714 NO — 392

Amendment 2. Change area bounded on North by 101, South by Stockwell Rd., East by Old Manchester Rd. from Rural to Commercial.

YES — 200 NO — 950

Amendment 3. Change area on 101-A from Veterans Rd. and Mother Gardner's Crossing to Merrimack line including present Transition District from Rural & Transition to Commercial.

YES — 225 NO — 930

Amendment 4. Change area on 101-A between Stearns Rd. and Veterans Rd. from Rural to Commercial.

YES — 203 NO — 892

Amendment 5. Change area on North side 101-A from Town Line easterly to Forsyth land and between 101-A and B&M Railroad from Rural to Commercial.

YES — 270 NO — 825

Amendment 6. Adoption of Wetland Conservation District as shown on zoning map.

YES — 928 NO — 177

Amendment 7. Changes to Article III, Article V, Article VI, Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance.

YES — 640 NO — 340

Amendment 8. Re-letter and re-number paragraphs and subparagraphs as necessary.

YES — 786 NO — 217

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$472,586.08 for Town Charges.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Revenue Sharing Fund for the Sanitary Landfill Project.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$18,758.00 to be withdrawn from Revenue Sharing Fund to be used as follows:

Town Office	\$ 3,000.00
Town Hall	4,000.00
Police	11,758.00
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	\$18,758.00

Article 6. Voted to give the Selectmen and Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 7. Voted not to adopt semi-annual tax billing.

YES — 150 NO — 204

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for repair of highways and bridges.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,875.00 to purchase a Grader.

Article 10. Voted not to raise and appropriate \$800.00 to print the list of taxable property.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 on a substitute article by Selectman Lyon for the purpose of re-appraisal of the Town.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase land for Conservation purposes.

Article 13. (By Petition) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to establish capital reserve fund for improvements on Town Tennis Courts.

Article 14. (By Petition) Voted to pass over this article.

Article 15. Voted to designate the following roads as scenic roads:

Brook Road from Horace Greeley Road to Town Conservation area.

Dodge Road from Water Hole below present Town Dump to Austin Road.

Article 16. (By Petition) Mrs. Charles Hood agreed to withdraw her original motion and accept the substitute proposed leash law read by Mr. John Stevens. Voted not to accept the substitute Dog Leash Law proposed by Mr. John Stevens.

Mr. John Enright asked for recognition of Elliot P. Lyon, retiring selectman, for his years of service on Planning Board and as a selectman. He received a standing round of applause.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 5, 1973

WILKINS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Moderator Pro Tem Creeley Buchanan. Rev. Arnold Johnson offered a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed. Present were Selectmen Edward Masten, John Enright, Francis Whaland and Town Counsel William Drescher. Moderator Buchanan read the warrant as posted. Approx. 160 persons were in attendance.

Article 1. Voted to let the Moderator appoint a special unpaid advisory committee of three persons, to be known as the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee, to work with the Regional Planning Commission and the Towns of Brookline, Hollis, and Mont Vernon. Mr. Joseph Harrison gave a lengthy explanation of Article 1.

Article 2. In reference to the Dog Leash Law:

John Manning offered an amendment to confine all dogs in season in appropriate kennels and lower the fine to \$10.00. Motion denied.

After much discussion and a voice vote on the original article, Mrs. Catherine Kruger asked for a show of hands. Howard Boothroyd and Joseph Harrison counted the vote.

YES — 56 NO — 112 Motion denied.

Mr. John Enright asked for a vote of thanks to the Air Pollution Control Committee for their long hard hours of work and study. A standing applause was given.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

June 6, 1973

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Name of Officiant</i>
1972		
June 10, Northfield, Minn.	Richard Borchers Heydinger Jr. Beverly Anne Jones	Rev. R. B. Heydinger Sr. Clergyman
Dec. 16, Milford	David Arthur Charron Joyce Marie Perry	Rev. Daniel F. Ferry Priest Epis. Church
1973		
Jan. 6, Milford	Robert Pemberton Blake Constance Lois Walker	Rev. Daniel F. Ferry Priest Epis. Church
Jan. 14, Amherst	John Trygve Holmgren Barbara Ruth Noble	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
Jan. 20, Hollis	Bobby Lee McGraw Linda Ellen Wagner	Rev. Walter L. Gallop Clergyman
Jan. 27, Nashua	William Herbert Barbour Linda Lou Kowalczyk	Jerome Silverstein Justice of the Peace
Mar. 31, Milford	Larry Earl Holland Andrea Sharon Ladd	Rev. Craig H. Richards Clergyman
Mar. 31, Amherst	John Enright Lauraine Lillian Nutter	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Mar. 31, Amherst	Eric Harry Coe Patricia Ritchie	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Mar. 31, Amherst	David D. Provost Jean Marie Schenck	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
Apr. 6, Milford	Marino Ferrari Cathy Anne Culveyhouse	Rev. Laurence F. Lennon Priest
Apr. 20, Nashua	John Claude Hughes Jr. Angie Louise Martin	Rev. D. H. McAninch Clergyman
Apr. 28, Nashua	Gilles Paul Lamontagne Brenda Ann Rolfe	Rev. Armand Provost Priest
May 5, Derry	John R. O'Connell Barbara Jean Steiner	Clarence C. Papineau Justice of the Peace
May 6, Weare	Engene Irving Roe Sylvia LeBoutillier	Rev. Elum E. Gault Clergyman
May 12, Amherst	Alan A. Muir Merilee Helen Fahrni	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
May 16, Milford	Donald E. Williams Francis Lonise Coleman	Edna M. Bianchi Justice of the Peace
May 19, Amherst	Craig S. Eldredge Cynthia Kottke	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
May 19, Merrimack	Perley Edgar Wheeler Jr. Barbara Anne Moister	Rev. N. C. Christopherson Clergyman
May 24, Bedford	David Daniel Draves Jane Ellen VanderWolk	Richard E. Pollock Justice of the Peace
May 25, Milford	Glenn Thomas Calawa Carole Ann Horne	Rev. H. A. Waterhouse Clergyman
May 26, Amherst	Robert Greenleaf Whaland Jeannette Elizabeth LaFleur	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
May 28, Amherst	Ernest A. Sparks Margarite Shirley Bennett	Harold C. Warner Justice of the Peace
June 2, Amherst	Whitney Robert Nolte Jr. Anne Louise Kerins	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
June 3, Nashua	Robert Wood Tidd Christine Elizabeth Anderson	Rev. D. H. McAninch Clergyman
June 9, Milford	Thomas Gerard Kroen Jr. Catherine Denise O'Connell	Rev. John Finnigan Priest
June 9, Milford	Daniel Arthur Garnham Donna Lee Grant	Rev. Glen C. Bachelder Clergyman
June 9, Nashua	Gary David Ledoux Janice Jeanne Desclos	Rev. Gerard J. Croteau Priest
June 10, Merrimack	Steven M. Gross Deborah L. Jewell	Edward P. Moran Jr. Justice of the Peace
June 16, Manchester	Craig E. Miller Wendy L. Burgeson	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
June 16, Amherst	Ralph Emerson Smith III Sally Ann Caldwell	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson Clergyman
June 16, Darien, Ct.	Donald Kennerly Jean Butler	Rev. L. M. Horton Clergyman
June 30, Manchester	Thomas Evert Garvey Anne Marshall Jones	Rev. Willard B. Soper Clergyman

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Name of Officiant</i>
July 7, Amherst	Philip Justus Irving	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
July 7, Amherst	Marian Woodburn Foster	Clergyman
July 9, Amherst	Paul Stephen Bedell	Rev. John Ward
July 9, Amherst	Sharon Lee Nichols	Clergyman
July 21, Wilton	Robert R. LeBlanc	Catherine A. Kruger
July 21, Amherst	Gail I. Stuart	Justice of the Peace
July 21, Amherst	John Roe Griffith	Charles B. Sullivan
July 21, Amherst	Noel Margaret Wight	Justice of the Peace
Aug. 4, Amherst	Frederick D. Hannon Jr.	Rev. Craig H. Richards
Aug. 4, Amherst	Sherrill A. White	Clergyman
Aug. 4, Amherst	Edward Tumminello	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Aug. 11, Amherst	Sharon Alice Burgess	Clergyman
Aug. 11, Amherst	William Francis Charles Rooney	Rev. John Ward
Aug. 11, Amherst	Kathleen Martha Grant	Clergyman
Aug. 11, Amherst	Richard Allan Stickney	Rev. John Ward
Aug. 18, Amherst	Dyanne Barbara Sodergren	Clergyman
Aug. 18, Amherst	Bruce Alan Brown	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Aug. 18, Amherst	Deborah K. Caldwell	Clergyman
Sept. 1, Milford	John Allan Clark	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Sept. 1, Milford	Blair Shepard Buchanan	Clergyman
Sept. 2, Amherst	Terry James Stark	Rev. Frederick R. Pihl
Sept. 2, Amherst	Debra Ann Giannino	Clergyman
Sept. 8, Amherst	Norman James Stewart	Catherine A. Kruger
Sept. 8, Amherst	Marian Brown Lennon	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 8, Amherst	Ted L. Bishop	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Sept. 8, Sanbornton	Darlene F. Curtis	Clergyman
Sept. 15, Milford	William James Morrison	Rev. Richard D. Crooks
Sept. 15, Milford	Laura Jean Bailey	Clergyman
Sept. 15, Milford	George Uberto Browning III	Rev. John Finnigan
Sept. 27, Amherst	Teri Marion Marshall	Priest
Sept. 27, Amherst	Stephen Asa Satterthwaite	Rev. David C. Cargill
Sept. 29, Amherst	Linda Joyce Newman	Clergyman
Sept. 29, Amherst	Raymond Robert Mahoney Jr.	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Sept. 29, Amherst	Wendy Elizabeth Johnson	Clergyman
Oct. 6, Peterborough	George Winthrop Brown Jr.	Gerald A. DeGrandpre
Oct. 6, Peterborough	Pamala Joyce Burrage	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 27, Nashua	Andrew Stanley Dionne	Rev. Romeo L. Jean
Oct. 27, Nashua	Bella Rose Fortin	Asst. Pastor
Nov. 30, Milford	William Andres Berryhill Jr.	Rev. John Finnigan
Nov. 30, Milford	Diane Linda Giarratana	Priest
Dec. 8, Antrim	William R. Drescher	Rev. William J. Clerk
Dec. 8, Antrim	Carol Ann Porter	Clergyman
Dec. 29, Amherst	Brian L. Kauffman	Catherine A. Kruger
Dec. 29, Amherst	Cynthia Ann Chandley	Justice of the Peace

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1972			
Sept. 11, Peterborough	Brent Nathaniel Curtis	Thomas E. Curtis	Shirley Jean Vincent
Nov. 10, Nashua	Brian Michael Boucher	Henri Philippe Boucher	Joanne Marie Radziwilly
Nov. 12, Nashua	Hope Elizabeth MacAuley	Kenneth Ferguson MacAuley	Ellen Katherine McNulty
Nov. 15, Nashua	Michael Harlan West	Harlan Whitcomb West	Carol Ann Pond
Nov. 18, Nashua	Jonathan Mathew Grange	Jean-Jacques Grange	Margaret M. Connaughton
Nov. 22, Nashua	Jeffrey Paul Lloyd	Paul Earle Lloyd	Germaine Marie Tremblay
Nov. 28, Nashua	Christopher Michael Jalbert	Michael Gerard Jalbert	Pamela Louise Brigham
Dec. 17, Peterborough	Douglas John DiSalvo	Dominic Joseph DiSalvo	Cynthia Ann Owens
Dec. 18, Nashua	Cullen Joseph Goduti	Richard Anthony Goduti	Cindy Iris Hendrickson
1973			
Jan. 8, Nashua	Michael David Hayward	Alcorn Louie Hayward	Alice Eva Short
Jan. 18, Nashua	Krista Kim Kikkanen	Glen Henry Kikkanen	Pamela Ann Duchette
Jan. 19, Nashua	Rebecca Agnes Steeves	Russell Thomas Steeves, Jr.	Mary Agnes Lenz
Jan. 19, Nashua	Heather Aline Foster	Robert Walter Foster	Elizabeth Ann Calyer
Jan. 19, Manchester	Michelle Christina Turcotte	Norman Jean Turcotte	Patricia Ellen Flanders
Jan. 21, Nashua	Philip Charles Mutarelli	Daniel Louis Mutarelli, Jr.	Charretta C. Chiampì
Jan. 24, Nashua	Jennifer Denise Houston	Maurice Henry Houston	Deborah Ann Deveau
Jan. 25, Manchester	Lance Daniel Dutton	Henry Francis Dutton	Sandra Lee Sikorsky
Jan. 30, Nashua	Kristina Lynn Mitten	George Mark Mitten	Diane Lynne Lewis
Feb. 1, Nashua	Matthew Milton Beckley	Milton J. Beckley	LaVern Catherine Adams
Feb. 2, Nashua	Angela Marie Leone	Robert Nino Leone	Cheryl C. Gentile
Feb. 9, Nashua	Matthew Tennyson Kerns	Dennis Michael Kerns	Patricia Lynn Butler
Feb. 10, Nashua	Kim Marie Konotcluck	John Andrew Konotcluck	Susan Marie Stevens
Feb. 23, Nashua	Edward Michael Ryan, Jr.	Edward Michael Ryan	Stephanie Anne Baird
Feb. 28, Manchester	Rachael Ann Sawyer	Joseph Nichols Sawyer	Margaret Ann MacGregor
Feb. 28, Manchester	Ralph Nichols Sawyer	Joseph Nichols Sawyer	Margaret Ann MacGregor
Mar. 1, Nashua	Aaron James Slick	Robert Howard Slick	Doris Priscilla Lee
Mar. 11, Nashua	John Arthur Dubuc	John Arthur Dubuc	Sandra Beverly French
Mar. 11, Nashua	James Leon Crawley	James Philip Crawley	Jean Esther Wagner
Mar. 11, Nashua	Andrew David Jasper	David Forrest Jasper	Cynthia Rae Cook
Mar. 23, Nashua	Linda Michalowski	Robert Charles Michalowski	Marylouise Smith
Mar. 26, Nashua	Paul Olav Pedersen	Robert Odd Pedersen	Mildred Joan Tryland
Apr. 15, Manchester	Monica Kathryn Clement	Paul Clement	Elizabeth Marie Alicon
Apr. 16, Salem, Ma.	Julie Clark Weller	Jonathan William Weller	Marjorie Jeanne Clark
Apr. 17, Nashua	Melissa Lynn Gagnon	Roger Norman Gagnon	Marilyn Gloria Cyr
Apr. 18, Nashua	Jennifer Elizabeth Cittadini	Robert Frank Cittadini	Elizabeth Ann Vineyard
May 4, Nashua	Jaelle Michelle St. Jean	James Wilfred St. Jean	Joan Marie Gates
May 7, Nashua	Jonathan Winfield Lawson	James Thomas Lawson, Jr.	Jeremy Jean Simmons
May 8, Nashua	Kristin Lee Crane	David Lee Crane	Constance Ann Couture
May 9, Nashua	Mairred Helen Walsh	Thomas Charles Walsh	Helen Marie O'Rourke

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
May 14, Nashua	Thomas David Charron	Charron Arthur Charron	Joyce Marie Perry
May 15, Nashua	Zachary Stitham	Michael Alan Stitham	Brenda Lee Forbes
May 16, Manchester	Caroline Edith Krolkowski	Joseph Casimir Krolkowski	Carole Cecilia Sanson
May 19, Nashua	Alana Zoe Kirkpatrick	John Edward Kirkpatrick	Nancy Grace Truell
May 23, Nashua	Stephen Charles Ulicny III	Stephen Charles Ulicny, Jr.	Helen Rachelle Watson
May 25, Nashua	Daniel Ruel Manning	Ronald Arthur Manning	Carol Anne Duval
May 27, Nashua	Heather Young Fagan	David Emerson Young	Marlene Thelma Dearth
June 7, Nashua	Scott Michael Fagan	Steve Francis Fagan	Joanne Marie Carroll
June 7, Nashua	Heidi Margaret Smith	Brian Blaisdell Smith	Linda Lee Greenhalgh
June 27, Nashua	Robert Ellsworth Pelletier	John Warren Pelletier	Peggy Doris Newhall
June 27, Nashua	Scott Albert Morin	Raymond Morin	Diane Rose Gagnon
June 28, Nashua	Anthony Raymond Morin	Raymond Morin	Diane Rose Gagnon
June 28, Nashua	Jessica Brooks Terwin Marple	David Vincent Marple	Julie Ann Terwin
June 28, Nashua	Edmund Leo Sharron, Jr.	Edmund Leo Sharron	Jeannette G. Fischer
July 16, Nashua	Chad Franklin Smith	Franklin Lewis Smith	Donna Mary Boulter
July 18, Nashua	Eric Jonathan Brantley	John Wyatt Brantley, Jr.	Paula Ann Trombly
July 20, Nashua	Lynn Greenhalgh	Barry Greenhalgh	Ellen Ruth Teller
July 28, Nashua	Shelby Lin Hibbard	Steven Melvin Hibbard	Jacqueline Gillingham
July 30, Nashua	Daniel James Barton	Steven Michael Barton	Angeline Mary Gagne
Aug. 2, Nashua	Michael Vincent Laing	Charles Vincent Laing	Candice Laura Angwin
Aug. 7, Nashua	Jason Christopher Baksay	Russell John Baksay	Patricia Janet Rose
Aug. 10, Nashua	David Crawford Beach, Jr.	David Crawford Beach, Sr.	Elizabeth Anne Cooke
Aug. 11, Derry	Danielle Derrick Laguerre	Rene Edmond Laguerre	Linda Derrick Filley
Aug. 16, Dover	Amy Boothroyd King	Stephen M. King	Barbara Jane Boothroyd
Aug. 19, Nashua	Jason Matthew Catlander	Anthony Gerard Catlander	Jean Anne Cross
Aug. 19, Nashua	Amy Beth Turner	Roy Frank Turner	Patricia Janice Shepard
Sept. 1, Nashua	Paula Joan Grummett	Paul Gary Grummett	Joan Helene Beauchemin
Sept. 9, Nashua	Marc Jason Novello	Frederick C. Novello, Jr.	Charlotte Joanne Siek
Sept. 17, Nashua	Carey Michael Fields	Barry Fields	Patricia Ellen Pressner
Sept. 19, Nashua	Kylee Beth Ross	David Edmond Ross	Brenda Lee Trombly
Sept. 27, Nashua	Bryan Francis Collins	Walter Robert Collins	Mary Elizabeth Walsh
Oct. 5, Manchester	Brett Patnode	Dennis Albert Patnode	Gertrude V. Doubleday
Oct. 7, Nashua	Erin Marie O'Neil	Arthur Charles O'Neil	Maureen Elizabeth Downs
Oct. 7, Nashua	Aimee Crysta Albertelli	Ronald Joseph Albertelli	Andrea Cullen
Oct. 13, Nashua	David Eric Athey	Forrest Thurston Athey, Jr.	Norma Louise Traver
Oct. 14, Nashua	Jodi Lee Renshaw	Robert Stuart Renshaw, Jr.	Gisele Eva Lamonthie
	Christopher Michael Porembski	Chester Robert Porembski	Alice Louise Moran
Oct. 15, Manchester	Jada Esther Fulgoni	Lewis John Fulgoni	Judith Phyllis Keane
Oct. 22, Nashua	Erik Palmer Mayo	Donald Ralph Mayo	Judith Elaine Palmer
Oct. 23, Manchester	Roger William Robitaille, Jr.	Roger William Robitaille, Sr.	Elizabeth Jane Keenen
Nov. 3, Nashua	Michelle Lynn Lones	Ralph Thomas Lones	Cecile Doris Dupont
Nov. 25, Nashua	Bryan Joseph Menegoni	Francis Joseph Menegoni	Cynthia G. Maverick
Nov. 30, Nashua	Jonathan Alden Wires	Willard Harrison Wires	Sharon F. Hemmings
Nov. 30, Nashua	Todd Allan Tardiff	Roger Albert Tardiff	Sally June Holland

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1972				
Dec. 8, Nashua	Anna Pituck	75	Unknown	Unknown
Dec. 24, Nashua	John E. Bartlett	64	John A. Bartlett	Flora Corsair
1973				
Jan. 1, Nashua	Ann Guilbert	75	H. Watson Coaker	Lottie E. Whitfield
Jan. 4, Nashua	Sofie Hertza	86	CNBL Eichberg	CNBL
Jan. 8, Nashua	Elmer B. Robinson	80	Bliss W. Robinson	Annie Littlehale
Feb. 3, Manchester	Chester J. Lapniewski	68	Adam Lapniewski	Stacia Policks
Feb. 18, Milford	Bertha L. Piper	85	Harvey Piper	Lucy Gibson
Feb. 20, Nashua	Walter Dinamoore Carr	78	Albert Eaton Carr	Anna Fisher
Feb. 25, Nashua	Arthur E. Wilson	57	Harry Wilson	Alice Schoonmaker
Mar. 3, Amherst	Oliver Ruth Boutelle	75	Harry Boutelle	Anna Whiting
Mar. 26, Manchester	Mildred Sweeney	70	Joseph Schofield	Jennie Bent
Mar. 31, Manchester	Hazel E. M. Henderson	73	George C. Young	Margaret King
May 5, Amherst	Blanche F. Goodale	77	Thomas Bose	Nora Warren
May 26, Nashua	Benjamin F. Monson	95	Unknown Holinson	Unknown
May 29, Nashua	Georgianna Lagasse	80	Pierre Bilobeau	Amanda Lacroix
June 2, Nashua	Millard Fillmore Goodale	81	James L. Goodale	Carrie Willey
June 2, Nashua	Walter Edmonds Roberts	60	Lindley Roberts	Alice Leighton
June 6, Amherst	Ralph C. Wight	71	Albert N. Wight	Julia Ann Harthertz
June 19, Manchester	Rita M. Caldwell	68	Embert Zwicker	Laura Harvie
July 11, Amherst	Hazel B. Brown	80	John Brown	Unknown
July 12, Manchester	William Harold Stacy	79	William B. Stacy	Lillian Cathcart
July 23, Amherst	Howard Gardner Arnold	84	Edward B. Arnold	Annie L. Nazro
Aug. 2, Nashua	Lavinia Elizabeth Goodwin	76	William Merritt	Unknown
Aug. 17, Amherst	Richard H. Rilee	78	Lemuel Hersey Rilee	Harriet Wilder
Sept. 3, Manchester	Clayton LeBaron Moore	77	Alexander F. Moore	Anna Roalston
Sept. 15, Nashua	Kathleen B. Marshall	81	Peter Betters	Katherine Hoy
Sept. 30, Manchester	Evelyn Phyllis Ruiter	62	Miles Ruiter	Margaret Ray
Oct. 7, Amherst	Wanda Spillane	47	Luois Shubelka	Julia Lacza
Oct. 9, Concord	John B. Enright	41	John Enright	Mary A. Dineen
Oct. 10, Amherst	Martha Kulmala	79	Syrrakki Kulmala	Matilda Unknown
Oct. 12, Amherst	Hilde Audoyer	93	Peter P. Axer	Milly Dechant
Oct. 15, Nashua	Ethel L. Larkin	73	Henry Seates	Prudence Burrill
Nov. 27, Nashua	Charles Richard Carder, Jr.	15	Charles R. Carder, Sr.	Joyce Ostergren
Nov. 28, Nashua	Delia Delude	78	Andre Levesque	Aurelie Soucy
Dec. 14, Nashua	Helen Orcutt	83	Melvin Bates	Unknown
Dec. 17, Nashua	Violette R. Hamelin	70	John Columbe	Lillian Boucher
Dec. 18, Bedford	Ashton Martin	91	Charles Martin	Ella Bates
Dec. 21, Nashua	Laurence M. Foss	84	Robert Foss	Abbie Whipple
Dec. 25, Ayer, Mass.	Frederic Laurent Ricard	58	Francois A. Ricard	Angelina Moquin

Brought From Away and Buried in Amherst, N. H.

<i>Date and Place of Death</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Cemetery</i>
1972			
July 9, Manchester	Samuel Frederick Boutwell	78	St. Patrick's
1973			
June 12, Milford	Leo F. Hutchinson	74	St. Patrick's
June 19, Milford	Henry Maxwell Curtis	60	Meadowview
July 28, Manchester	Gladys Chandler	70	Chestnut Hill
Aug. 26, Milford	Sarah Frances Nash	96	St. Patrick's
Aug. 30, Nashua	Margaret C. Garrity	80	St. Patrick's
Sept. 30, Milford	Edward A. Shaughnessy	65	St. Patrick's
Oct. 5, Nashua	Arthur Smith	73	Meadowview
Oct. 9, Nashua	Louis L. Guertin	57	St. Patrick's
Nov. 15, Manchester	Antoni Galinski	59	St. Patrick's
Dec. 26, Manchester	Mary H. Jackson	62	Meadowview

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their families were fully and correctly filled out for marriage, birth and death certificates it might be of great help in making our records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

NOTE: Be sure you give your legal address as well as mailing address, especially on Birth Certificates.

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
School District Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the
Year Ending June 30, 1973

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1973-74

School Board	Term Expires
Eric W. Hare	1974
Paul F. Dudley, Jr.	1975
Herbert C. Stearns	1976

Roland L. Schoepf	Superintendent
Mrs. Marion Jacques Dube	Assistant Superintendent
Julius J. D'Agostino	Assistant Superintendent
Richard G. Lilly	Business Administrator
Mrs. Louise Ainsworth	Clerk-Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Hope Caulfield	School Nurse
Mrs. Rosalie McGeoch	School Nurse
James F. Tinker	Attendance Officer
Orson H. Bragdon	Auditor
Stephen Noble	Auditor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1973-1974

Begin	Close
Sept. 5 (Wed.)	Dec. 21 (Fri.) 73 days
(Oct. 8, 19; Nov. 12, 22, 23 — No School)	
Jan. 2 (Wed.)	Feb. 15 (Fri.) 33 days
Feb. 25 (Mon.)	April 19 (Fri.) 40 days
April 29 (Mon.)	June 19 (Wed.) 37 days
(May 30 — No School)	

183 days	

1974-1975

Sept. 4 (Wed.)	Dec. 20 (Fri.) 73 days
(Oct. 10, 14; Nov. 11, 28, 29 — No School)	
Jan. 2 (Thurs.)	Feb. 14 (Fri.) 32 days
Feb. 24 (Mon.)	April 25 (Fri.) 45 days
May 5 (Mon.)	June 19 (Thurs.) 33 days
(May 30 — No School)	

183 days	

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the first day of March, 1974, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.

5. To see if the district will authorize expenditure of \$19,800 received from the temporary investment of bond proceeds for the purpose of completing playing fields at the Middle School.

6. To see if the district will vote to authorize the Ways and Means Committee to review the school district budget and make recommendations with respect thereto at the annual district meeting.

7. To see if the district will vote pursuant to RSA 31:105 to provide indemnification for school administrators, school board members, district officers or agents, from personal loss or expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to property providing the indemnified person was at the time of the accident within the scope of his employment or office.

8. To see if the school district will vote to authorize the school board to purchase a comprehensive general liability insurance policy in order to protect the school district officers, administrative staff and itself against personal liability suits.

9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said AMHERST this 12th day of February 1974.

ERIC W. HARE

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.

HERBERT C. STEARNS, School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ERIC W. HARE

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.

HERBERT C. STEARNS, School Board

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

Polls to open at 7:00 a.m. — Close at 7:00 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the fifth day of March, 1974, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said AMHERST this 12th day of February 1974.

ERIC W. HARE
PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS, School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ERIC W. HARE
PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS, School Board

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

CATEGORY

100 Series Administration

110 Salaries of District Officers	\$	1,860.00	\$	1,865.00	\$	1,860.00	\$	1,860.00	Proposed 1974-75
135 Contracted Services		300.00		300.00		300.00		300.00	
190 Other Expenses of Administration		5,125.00		5,875.76		1,625.00		1,475.00	

100 Series Total

		7,285.00		8,040.76		3,785.00		3,635.00	
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200 Series Instruction

210.1 Teachers' Salaries		448,409.00		475,104.26		508,213.00		551,994.00	
210.2 New Teachers		33,500.00				20,411.00		163,038.00	
210.3 Summer Curriculum		600.00		600.00		600.00		0.00	
210.4 Insurance		7,200.00		9,836.01		13,533.00		22,445.00	
210.5 Teacher Scholarships		2,500.00		1,895.00		2,500.00		3,400.00	

Total 210

		492,209.00		487,435.27		545,257.00		740,877.00	
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215 Textbooks

		5,695.00		5,240.83		5,287.00		10,128.00	
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220 Library & Audio Visual

		4,813.00		4,137.11		5,263.00		15,435.00	
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230 Teaching Supplies

		16,030.00		15,434.09		18,016.00		32,000.00	
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235 Contracted Services

		4,410.00		2,712.22		4,442.00		5,074.00	
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290 Other Expenses for Instruction

		2,730.00		2,258.08		2,635.00		7,729.00	
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200 Series Total

		525,887.00		517,217.60		580,900.00		811,243.00	
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300 Series Attendance

		50.00		0.00		50.00		50.00	
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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Budgeted 1972-73	Actual 1972-73	Budgeted 1973-74	Proposed 1974-75
400 Series Health Services	7,230.00	6,565.12	8,745.00	12,450.00
500 Series Transportation	78,312.00	77,005.83	91,537.00	115,056.00
600 Series Operation of Plant				
610 Salaries	12,838.00	19,363.56	26,750.00	54,500.00
630 Supplies	3,426.00	5,053.17	5,676.00	8,656.00
635 Contracted Services	16,132.00	10,207.41	1,700.00	4,326.00
640 Heat	10,500.00	10,383.25	11,300.00	33,000.00
645 Utilities	8,941.00	10,389.74	9,611.00	27,000.00
600 Series Total	51,837.00	55,397.13	55,037.00	127,482.00
700 Series Maintenance of Plant	11,705.00	17,381.83	6,201.00	5,638.00
800 Series Fixed Charges				
850 Retirement & Social Security	38,982.00	38,777.63	45,657.00	65,476.00
855 Insurance	5,405.00	4,924.00	5,405.00	7,917.00
800 Series Total	44,387.00	43,701.63	51,062.00	73,393.00
900 Series Federal Lunch	7,500.00	8,635.39	7,500.00	11,000.00
1000 Series Student Body Activities	875.00	875.00	1,075.00	3,850.00

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

1200 Series Capital Outlay	Budgeted 1972-73	Actual 1973-73	Budgeted 1973-74	Proposed 1974-75
1265 Sites	0.00	0.00	0.00	0 00
1266 Buildings	35,000.00	35,092.35	0.00	0 00
1267 Equipment	5,377.00	5,332.06	3,419.00	3,391.00
1200 Series Total	49,377.00	40,424.41	8,419.00	3,891.00
1300 Series Debt Service				
1370 Principal	75,000.00	75,000.00	170,000.00	235,000.00
1371 Interest	35,065.00	35,065.00	131,760.00	165,361.00
Service Charge	15.00	14.55	15.00	15.00
1300 Series Total	110,080.00	110,079.55	301,775.00	400,376.00
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 Tuition — In State	537,519.00	509,017.97	630,148.00	613,065.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	27,289.28	27,289.28	34,509.16	41,388.00
1477.4 Trainable Class Tuition	4,200.00	2,380.28	4,200.00	4,200.00
Handicapped Tuition	10,224.00	8,482.83	15,194.00	14,866.00
1477.9 AREA Rental	95,400.00	92,944.84	96,538.00	72,197.00
1400 Series Total	674,632.28	640,115.29	780,589.16	745,716.00
1500 Series Learning Disabilities	759.00	760.60	0.00	9.00
1600 Series Summer Education Program	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1700 Series Contingency	5,000.00	515.95	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,567,166.28	\$1,526,716.00	\$1,901,675.16	\$2,318,780.00

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Budgeted 1972-'73	Actual 1972-'73	Budgeted 1973-'74	As Approved by Tax Commission 1973-'74	Proposed 1974-'75
REVENUE					
Unencumbered Balance	\$	26,562.43	\$	58,333.00	\$ 17,000.00
State Building Aid	13,500.00	24,159.13	51,000.00	51,932.81	70,500.00
State Sweepstakes	14,800.00	23,379.49	23,300.00	22,615.13	14,925.00
PL874	0.00	10,029.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Lunch	7,500.00	8,635.39	7,500.00	7,500.00	11,000.00
Trust Funds	900.00	906.73	900.00	900.00	900.00
Foster Children Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Rent	0.00	904.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	500.00	2,001.51	500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Title II	0.00	841.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
NDEA	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Summer Reading Program	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 39,100.00	\$ 97,419.66	\$ 110,200.00	\$ 141,980.94	\$ 262,025.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$1,523,066.28		\$1,791,475.16	\$1,759,691.22	\$2,056,755.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973)

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Treasurer

In account with the School District of Amherst.

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972	\$	26,562 43
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Board of Selectmen:

Current Appropriation		1,495,724 81
State Sources		47,538 62
Federal Sources		18,664 39
Trust Funds		906 73
Other Sources		3,863 90

Total Receipts		\$1,593,260 88
Less School Board Orders Paid		1,528,594 14

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1973	\$	64,666 74
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Building Fund

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972	\$	296 19
Less School Board Orders Paid		296 19

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1973	\$	0 00
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Multi-Purpose Room

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972	\$	188 34
Less School Board Orders Paid		188 34

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1973	\$	0 00
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Classroom Addition Fund

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972	\$	1,865 38
Less School Board Orders Paid		1,865 38

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1973	\$	0 00
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Emotionally Disturbed Fund

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972	\$	1,824 53
Less School Board Orders Paid		0 00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1973	\$	1,824 53

New School Building Fund

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972	\$	0 00
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal)		100,000 00
Received from all other sources		41,146 90
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Total Receipts	\$	141,146 90
Less School Board Orders Paid		122,491 00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1973	\$	18,655 90

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and find them correct in all respects.

STEPHEN NOBLE
ORSON H. BRAGDON
Auditors
July 24, 1973

NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT
1973-74 School Year

Total Appropriations	\$1,901,675 16
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REVENUES AND CREDITS

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 58,333 00
Sweepstakes	22,615 13
School Building Aid	51,932 81
Foster Children Aid	200 00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	7,500 00
Trust Fund Income	900 00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	500 00

Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 141,980 94
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District Assessment	1,759,694 22
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Total Appropriations	\$1,901,675 16
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ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Report of the Superintendent

While change is in the order of things, there are some recent developments in the field of education which are attracting more than normal attention in New Hampshire. Perhaps that which has made the headlines most consistently is a voucher plan for which the State Board of Education has approved a feasibility study. The federal government has given some assurance that it will underwrite the initial costs of such a project. If ever adopted as an integral part of the educational process, it ultimately would mean that the local districts would have to provide funds once federal support is withdrawn.

Proponents of the voucher plan feel that by introducing an element of competition into the educational system, the overall quality will be improved. The voucher can be viewed as individual parents' assets which they could spend in selecting an educational program which they felt was best for their children. Although the state traditionally has been considered as being responsible for education, the voucher system assumes that each family has the right to choose its own educational program, provided this right does not infringe on the rights of others. The proposal for New Hampshire would give parents the freedom to send their children to either public or non-sectarian private schools. The amount of money that would be available to parents would be equivalent to the per pupil cost within the district.

Related to a system of vouchers is the matter of educational accountability, which is being given serious consideration at this time by the State Department of Education. Through some means of measurement, not yet established, the goal of accountability is to improve education. By being able to determine the effectiveness of the public schools, it is thus hoped to be able to correct any deficiencies which

may exist in a particular school system. Presumably difficult to precisely relate financial cost to educational outcomes, there is some possibility that the state legislature could use the results of any valid measurement in determining the allocation and expenditure of public funds for education.

Regardless of terminology, educators for years have attempted to assess educational outcomes. While the results sought were not always primarily designed to relate to financial cost, nevertheless it very often was a by-product. Although it could not always be proven satisfactorily that money bought what could be considered good education, it was generally demonstrated that the higher the investment, the greater the return. Among the questions that remain to be answered, however, are those that relate to the distribution of funds within a school district in order to promote the most desirable outcomes. Because of the constant changes in society, decisions will not come easily. Much more research will have to be conducted before the expenditure of educational monies can ever approximate an exact science, if ever. As long as people make up society, we can assume that the process of trying to equate the spending of money with something as intangible as educational outcomes will tax the minds of men for years to come.

Supervisory Union 40, consisting of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Milford and Mont Vernon, will be reorganized, effective July 1, 1974, in keeping with a vote in November, 1973, of the State Board of Education. The new alignment will result in the formation of Supervisory Union 41, consisting of Amherst, Brookline and Hollis, and a new Supervisory Union 40, with Milford and Mont Vernon sharing facilities and resources. The reorganization is in conformance with recently-developed guidelines designed to improve services offered by a supervisory union. The new arrangement should contribute to closer liaison between the superintendent and the professional staff in each district.

Report of the Principal

I find as I begin my report of the Amherst School District that it seems impossible for a year to have passed since my last report.

The 1973-74 school year is perhaps the most active in our town's history. The summer of 1973 found the commencement of construction on the new elementary school — however, in late June, the voters resolved the 7th and 8th grade issue and Milford and Amherst citizens voted to amend the area agreement allowing Amherst's 7th and 8th graders to return to the Amherst School District — grade 7 in September, 1974, and grade 8 in September, 1975.

September again found the voters of Amherst reconvened in a special school meeting to approve an additional bond issue of \$950,000 for additional classroom space, converting the new school to a middle school.

September also found Mr. Richard Ebert, Assistant Principal, assuming more responsibilities in order to allow me more time for planning and development of the new middle school.

Late September and October found teachers of grades five and six becoming involved in a visitation program of selected middle schools for the purpose of investigating the organization, programs, and materials. I attended all these visitations with the teachers who were divided into six groups, each group consisting of one fifth grade teacher and one sixth grade teacher. On two of the visitations, Mr. Julius D'Agostino, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl McAllister; and Mr. Elden Nielsen were involved.

November began the long process of evaluating the schools visited and planning by the fifth and sixth grade teachers for next year.

Recruitment of staff for grade seven was started and in-service plans made for the remainder of the year.

We must add that all the planning hasn't been set aside for grades five and six. Teachers of grades 1-4 voted to investigate the program of a Title III NDEA grant called

Project Share. The goals of the project are for the member schools to explore the IGE (Individually Guided Education) methods of instruction, materials, and organization.

Social Studies was the curriculum area for change for 1973-74. A committee of teachers, after reviewing the scope and sequence of our curriculum, examined and evaluated numerous programs and materials. The final selection resulted in a different publisher for each grade so as to have the text match our curriculum.

The Amherst School District received its fully approved elementary school based on the Minimum Standards for New Hampshire Public Schools in late May. We may say, at this time, that we are quite proud of this report. It lists many areas where we exceed state requirements.

The Amherst Parent Volunteer Program continues under the direction of Mrs. Ann Logan. We must again thank these women who give so freely of their time.

We welcomed four new members to our staff this year: Mrs. Janet Lynch, grade five; Mrs. Addie Lambarth, grade four; Mrs. Leslie Sullivan, grade three; and Mrs. Donna LeBlanc, aide for second grade.

Appreciation and gratitude is extended to the Junior Women's Club for their gift of monies for materials for our Learning Disabilities Program, and the Amherst Lions Club for donations of eyeglasses for those in need.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I feel honored and privileged to be writing my third report for the School District, and a special thanks to all the parents for the fine support I have received over the years. I congratulate the School Board, Mr. Paul Dudley, Mr. Eric Hare, and Mr. Herbert Stearns, for their vision in providing a better educational program for Amherst.

ROLAND L. SCHOEPPF, Superintendent
PAUL D. COLLINS, Principal

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,636,641 28
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,653,318 64

General Fund	\$ 64,666 74
Capital Outlay Fund	\$1,918,655 90

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Current Appropriation	\$1,495,724 81
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Revenue from Local Sources

Trust Funds	\$906 73	
Rent	904 88	
Other Revenue	238 38	
	-----	2,049 99

Revenue from State Sources

School Building Aid	\$24,159 13	
Sweepstakes	23,379 49	
Other Revenue	1,763 13	
	-----	49,301 75

Revenue from Federal Sources

School Lunch & Spec. Milk	\$ 8,635 39	
Public Law 874	10,029 00	
Title II	841 10	
	-----	19,505 49

Bonds and Notes

Principal of Bonds	\$2,000,000 00	
Premiums & Interest	41,146 90	
	-----	2,041,146 90

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1972

General Fund	26,562 43
Capital Outlay Fund	2,349 91

\$3,636,641 28

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973

100 Series Administration		
110 Salaries of Officers	\$1,865 00	
135 Contracted Services	300 00	
190 Other Expenses	5,875 76	
	-----	\$ 8,040 76
200 Series Instruction		
210 Salaries	\$475,104 26	
215 Textbooks	5,240 83	
220 School Libraries & A.V.	4,137 11	
230 Teacher Supplies	16,194 69	
235 Contracted Services	3,112 22	
290 Other Expenses	16,017 23	
	-----	519,806 34
300 Series Attendance		50 00
400 Series Health Services		
410 Salaries	\$6,372 45	
490 Other Expenses	192 67	
	-----	6,565 12
500 Series Transportation		77,005 83
600 Series Operation of Plant		
610 Salaries	\$19,363 56	
630 Supplies, except Utilities	5,053 17	
635 Contracted Services	10,207 41	
640 Heat for Buildings	10,383 25	
645 Utilities, except Heat	10,389 74	
	-----	55,397 13
700 Series Maintenance of Plant		
725 Replacement of Equipment	\$ 919 90	
726 Repairs to Equipment	733 09	
735 Contracted Services	9,168 61	
766 Repairs to Buildings	6,560 23	
	-----	17,381 83

800 Series Fixed Charges

850.2 Teachers' Retirement	\$11,792 51	
850.3 F.I.C.A.	26,985 12	
855 Insurance	4,807 59	
	<u>-----</u>	43,585 22

900 Series School Lunch & Special Milk 8,635 39

1000 Series Student-Body Activities 875 00

1200 Series Capital Outlay

1265 Sites	\$ 47,063 00	
1266 Buildings	112,870 26	
1267 Equipment	5,848 01	
	<u>-----</u>	165,781 27

1300 Series Debt Service

1370 Principal of Debt	\$75,000 00	
1371 Interest on Debt	35,065 00	
1390 Other	14 55	
	<u>-----</u>	110,079 55

1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts

1477.1 Tuition	\$612,825 92	
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	27,289 28	
	<u>-----</u>	640,115 20
		<u>-----</u>
		\$1,653,318 64

BALANCE SHEET — June 30, 1973

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1973	
General Fund	\$ 64,666 74
Building Fund	1,918,655 90
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	1,824 53

Total Assets	\$1,985,147 17
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	2,631,666 59

	\$4,616,813 76

LIABILITIES

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes	
Building Fund	\$1,918,655 90
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	1,824 53
Accounts Owed by District	
Accounts Payable	6,333 33
Notes and Bonds Outstanding	2,690,000 00

Total Liabilities and Grand Total	\$4,616,813 76

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ERIC W. HARE

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.

HERBERT C. STEARNS

School Board

ROLAND L. SCHOEPPF, Superintendent

August 29, 1973

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations except \$2,000 due
September 15, 1966 issued in \$1,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1966-1980.

Rate: 3.30%.

Coupon Amount	\$16.50-\$1,000	\$82.50-\$5,000	
Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-66	\$9,025.50	\$547,000	—
9-15-66	9,025.50	547,000	\$42,000
3-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	—
9-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	40,000
3-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	—
9-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	40,000
3-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	—
9-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	40,000
3-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	—
9-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	35,000
3-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	—
9-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	35,000
3-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	—
9-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	35,000
3-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	—
9-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	35,000
3-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	—
9-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	35,000
3-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	—
9-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	35,000
3-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	—
9-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	35,000
3-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	—
9-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	35,000
3-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	—
9-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	35,000
3-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	—
9-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	35,000
3-15-80	577.50	35,000	—
9-15-80	577.50	35,000	35,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable February 1 and August 1.

Principal Maturing: 1969-1983.

Rate: 4.20%.

Coupon Amount: \$105.00-\$5,000.00

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
2-1-69	\$3,570.00	\$170,000	---
8-1-69	3,570.00	170,000	\$15,000
2-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	---
8-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	15,000
2-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	---
8-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	15,000
2-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	---
8-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	15,000
2-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	---
8-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	10,000
2-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	---
8-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	10,000
2-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	---
8-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	10,000
2-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	---
8-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	10,000
2-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	---
8-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	10,000
2-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	---
8-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	10,000
2-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	---
8-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	10,000
2-1-80	840.00	40,000	---
8-1-80	840.00	40,000	10,000
2-1-81	630.00	30,000	---
8-1-81	630.00	30,000	10,000
2-1-82	420.00	20,000	---
8-1-82	420.00	20,000	10,000
2-1-83	210.00	10,000	---
8-1-83	210.00	10,000	10,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1970-1984.

Rate: 6.5%.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-70	\$12,350.00	\$380,000	—
9-15-70	12,350.00	380,000	\$30,000
3-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	—
9-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	25,000
3-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	—
9-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	25,000
3-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	—
9-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	25,000
3-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	—
9-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	25,000
3-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	—
9-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	25,000
3-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	—
9-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	25,000
3-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	—
9-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	25,000
3-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	—
9-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	25,000
3-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	—
9-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	25,000
3-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	—
9-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	25,000
3-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	—
9-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	25,000
3-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	—
9-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	25,000
3-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	—
9-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	25,000
3-15-84	812.50	25,000	—
9-15-84	812.50	25,000	25,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1
Principal Maturing 1974-93
Rate 4.80%

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
8-1-73	\$48,000	\$2,000,000	
2-1-74	48,000	2,000,000	\$100,000
8-1-74	45,600	1,900,000	
2-1-75	45,600	1,900,000	100,000
8-1-75	43,200	1,800,000	
2-1-76	43,200	1,800,000	100,000
8-1-76	40,800	1,700,000	
2-1-77	40,800	1,700,000	100,000
8-1-77	38,400	1,600,000	
2-1-78	38,400	1,600,000	100,000
8-1-78	36,000	1,500,000	
2-1-79	36,000	1,500,000	100,000
8-1-79	33,600	1,400,000	
2-1-80	33,600	1,400,000	100,000
8-1-80	31,200	1,300,000	
2-1-81	31,200	1,300,000	100,000
8-1-81	28,800	1,200,000	
2-1-82	28,800	1,200,000	100,000
8-1-82	26,400	1,100,000	
2-1-83	26,400	1,100,000	100,000
8-1-83	24,000	1,000,000	
2-1-84	24,000	1,000,000	100,000
8-1-84	21,600	900,000	
2-1-85	21,600	900,000	100,000
8-1-85	19,200	800,000	
2-1-86	19,200	800,000	100,000
8-1-86	16,800	700,000	
2-1-87	16,800	700,000	100,000
8-1-87	14,400	600,000	
2-1-88	14,400	600,000	100,000
8-1-88	12,000	500,000	
2-1-89	12,000	500,000	100,000
8-1-89	9,600	400,000	
2-1-90	9,600	400,000	100,000
8-1-90	7,200	300,000	
2-1-91	7,200	300,000	100,000
8-1-91	4,800	200,000	
2-1-92	4,800	200,000	100,000
8-1-92	2,400	100,000	
2-1-93	2,400	100,000	100,000

AMHERST SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Financial Statement

July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973

Beginning Balance, July 1, 1972		\$ 3,523 51
Receipts		
Lunch Sales — Children	\$30,224 44	
Lunch Sales — Adults	2,463 40	
Reimbursement	8,635 39	
Miscellaneous Cash	328 40	
Total Receipts	-----	41,651 63
Total Available		<u>\$46,175 14</u>
Expenditures		
Food	\$24,084 67	
Labor	9,684 18	
Equipment	3,194 26	
All Other Expenditures	3,669 45	
Total Expenditures	-----	\$40,632 56
Balance, June 30, 1973		<u>\$ 4,542 58</u>
Other Program Resources:		
USDA Commodities Received		
(wholesale value) \$3,571.24		

Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1973

Assets:		
Cash in Bank		\$ 4,542 58
Accounts Receivable:		
Reimbursement due Program	\$3,652 04	
Food Inventory — June 30	405 71	
Supplies Inventory — June 30	150 00	
	-----	4,207 75
Total Assets		<u>\$ 8,750 33</u>
Liabilities	\$ 0 00	
Working Capital	8,750 33	
Total Liabilities and Working Capital	-----	\$ 8,750 33

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 40

Administrative Salaries — 1972-73

A. Superintendent

State Share		\$ 3,500 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$4,818 85	
Brookline	987 36	
Hollis	3,365 20	
Milford	8,027 26	
Mont Vernon	701 33	
	-----	17,900 00

		\$21,400 00

B. Teacher Consultant

State Share		\$ 2,190 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$4,019 30	
Brookline	823 53	
Hollis	2,806 85	
Milford	6,695 36	
Mont Vernon	584 96	
	-----	14,930 00

		\$17,120 00

C. Business Administrator

State Share		\$ 2,190 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$3,179 37	
Brookline	651 43	
Hollis	2,220 29	
Milford	5,296 19	
Mont Vernon	462 72	
	-----	11,810 00

		\$14,000 00

TITLE I — 1972-73

Supervisory Union No. 40

Allocation:

Amherst	\$ 5,717 00
Brookline	3,494 00
Hollis	3,176 00
Milford	22,870 00
Mont Vernon	1,271 00

\$36,528 00

Expended 1972-73

24,322 00

Carryover*

\$12,206 00

*To be used in 1973-74 project due to late date of receipt of money.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Blanket Contents and Buildings \$1,542,905

Includes:

Burglary & Theft \$5,000

Boiler & Machinery \$20,000

Corporal Punishment

Teachers' Liability

Automobile Liability \$500,000/\$1,000,000

Van Liability \$100,000/\$300,000

Workmen's Compensation \$100,000

Treasurer's Bond \$25,000

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1972-73

Number of pupils registered during year: 957

Boys 490

Girls 467

Enrollment by Grades:

I - 163; II - 157; III - 136; IV - 156; V - 173; VI - 172

Average Membership in Grades 1-6 911.7

Percent of Attendance in Grades 1-6 94.5

Number of Sessions in All Schools 360

Teaching Positions:

Elementary 40

Part-time 8

Amherst Tuition Pupils attending Milford AREA Schools
1972-73:

Grade 7	151	Grade 10	125
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Grade 8	147	Grade 11	104
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Grade 9	141	Grade 12	90
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Trainable Class — Elementary 3

Special Class — Elementary 4

Special Class — Secondary 4

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD AREA SCHOOL — JUNE 1973

*Abbate, Carolyn	Lang, Robin
Alberts, Edward III	Lathrop, Jeanne
Aillard, William	Laursen, Helle
Antonelli, Paul	Lavalee, Keith
Bacon, Karen	Lehr, Mark
Black, Timothy	Levesque, Debra Ann
Bohrer, Randi-Jean	L'Homme, Barbara
*Brockway, Karen	Lion, Lucinda
*Brown, Douglas	Lones, David
Byrnes, Janet	*Magoon, Janet
*Carlsmith, Bruce	Manoogian, Gary
Chaput, Linda	McFarland, Joseph
Charron, Cynthia	McMurray, Colleen
*Clements, Vicki	Miller, Brenda
Coleman, Nancy	Miller, Charlene
Copeland, Heidi	Miller, Thomas
Culveyhouse, Adrian III	Morrison, Debora
*Cummings, Stephen	*Myles, Mary
*Davis, Susan	*Nataloni, Rebecca
Demanche, Donald	*Nevin, John
Desmarais, Thomas	O'Connell, Kathleen
Deveau, Armand	*Otey, Charles
Fotta, Lennel	Ouellet, William
Gagnon, Lee Ann	Peno, Kevin
Gerry, Randall	Pfeifer, Paul
Giannino, Debi Ann	*Pierce, Linda
Giarratana, Charles, Jr.	Pituck, Curt
Girouard, Paul	Renshaw, Dorothea
Goggin, Kathleen	Roberge, Bertrand, Jr.
Grassett, George III	Rosswaag, Timothy
Hall, Debra	Ryan, Christopher
Hill, Rosemarie	Scott, Craig
*Hopkins, Mary	Shallman, Gustaf
Johnson, Wendy	Shaw, Peter
Kelly, Carol	*Simpson, Ruth
Laquerre, Susan	Smith, Leslie Ann

Stearns, James
 *Struss, David
 Suomala, Mark
 Threlfall, Ellen
 Trudo, Laurel
 Walker, Cynthia
 Walker, Paula

Watson, Donald
 Watts, Dianne
 Weatherbee, James
 Wenzel, William
 Wheeler, Scott
 Worcester, Carl
 *Young, Mollie

*National Honor Society

SCHOOL CENSUS

	Ages as of Sept. 1, 1973	Total	Boys	Girls	Public Schools Within District	Public Schools Outside District	Parochial Schools Outside District	Private Schools Within District	Private Schools Outside District	Completed Elementary But Not Completed High School	High School
Less than	1	61	27	34							
	1	93	47	46							
	2	119	70	49							
	3	124	53	71							
	4	144	75	69				2	3		
	5	146	73	73				67	23		
	6	153	80	73	151	1			1		
	7	138	76	62	137	1					
	8	162	75	87	162						
	9	154	36	68	152				2		
	10	166	88	78	166						
	11	171	77	94	169	1			1		
	12	175	86	89	171				4		
	13	159	77	82	154		2		3		
	14	158	87	71	154		2		2		
	15	153	86	67	138	1	5		9		
	16	132	67	65	119	3	2		4	4	
	17	120	57	63	85		3		17	2	13
	18	98	55	43	11				48		39
		2626	1342	1284	1769	7	14	69	117	6	52

TEACHER ROSTER

<i>Name</i>	<i>Exp.</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Collins, Paul	15	Principal	State College at Boston	M. E.
Ebert, Richard	9	A. Principal	Eastern Michigan Univ.	M. A.
Barlick, Michael	1	Grade 4	Keene State College	B. E.
Barry, Marilyn	1	Art - p. t.	Syracuse University	B. F. A.
Barry, Susan	6	Grade 2	New England College	B. A.
Bean, Sandra	10	Grade 2	Keene State College	B. E.
Beland, Brenda	1	Grade 3	Rivier College	B. A.
Brockway, Marguerite	5	Music - p. t.	American University	M. A.
Brookfield, John	10	Inst. Music - p. t.	Boston University	B. M. Ed.
Brown, Pamela	3	Grade 3	Keene State College	B. E.
Chicoine, Carolyn	7	Grade 4	University of Vermont	B. S.
Collins, Patricia	6	L. D. 3-6 - p. t.	State College at Boston	B. S. Ed.
Cortellino, Joanne	4	Grade 5	Rivier College	B. A.
Cray, Martha	2	Grade 1 - p. t.	Wheaton College	B. A.
Delisle, Laurette	4	Grade 3	Rivier College	B. A.
Dionne, Denise	10	Grade 1	Notre Dame College	B. A.
Dyer, Sarah	7	Grade 2	U. N. H.	M. E.
Floryan, Ray	2	Grade 5	Lyndon State College	B. S.
Gentili, Mary	1	Grade 2	Stonehill College	A. B.
Gregg, Cecilia	21	Grade 3	Plymouth State College	B. E.
Hall, Betty	17	Rdg. Cons. - p. t.	Bridgewater State College	M. E.
Hamilton, Joy	2	Grade 1 - p. t.	U. N. H.	B. A.
Harcovitz, Donna	5	Grade 1	U. N. H.	B. S.
Head, Nancy	7	L. D.	Boston University	A. B.
Hendershot, Darlene	4	Grade 6	U. N. H.	B. A.
Hogan, Janet	1	Grade 3	Rivier College	B. A.
Kertesz, Laszlo	28	Music - p. t.	Hungarian University	B. A.
Lambarth, Addie	3	Grade 4	Plattsburgh State	M. S.
Lathrop, Cynthia	10	Grade 4	Skidmore College	B. S.
Little, Linda	4	Grade 5	Principia College	B. A.
Lynch, Janet	3	Grade 5	St. Joseph's College	B. A.
Martin, Mary	13	Grade 6	Boston College	M. Ed.
McAllister, Carl	5	Phys. Ed.	Plymouth State College	B. E.
McEnnis, Shirley	5	Grade 1	U. N. H.	M. E.
McKeown, Teresita	7	Grade 2	Philippine Normal	B. S.
Nason, Julie	1	Rem. Rdg.	Universtiy of Connecticut	M. A.
Nielsen, Elden	11	Music	Mankato State College	B. S.
Pena, Michael	7	Grade 6		
Perry, Marcia	20	Grade 5	Rhode Island College	B. E.
Pichette, Noella	10	French - p. t.	U. N. H.	B. A.
Piotrowski, Suzanne	2	Grade 1	Rivier College	B. A.
Seavey, Lawrence	9	Guidance	University of Massachusetts	M. Ed.
Shaw, Elizabeth	20	Grade 6	Tufts University	B. A.
Shervanian, Ann	14	Speech Th. - p. t.	Boston University	B. S.
Silverman, Audrey	8	Grade 2	Keene State College	B. E.
Sirois, Diane	5	Grade 4	Rivier College	B. A.
Sullivan, Catherine	31	Librarian	U. N. H.	M. Ed.
Sullivan, Leslie	0	Grade 3	Salem State College	B. S. Ed.
Treadwell, Jean	3	Grade 6	Wellesley College	B. A.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Exp.</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Trudo, Christina	7	Reading	U. N. H.	M. Ed.
Tyrrell, JoAn	6	Art	Texas Western	B. A.
Walter, John	4	Grade 6	Keene State College	B. E.
Emma, Wheeler	17	Grade 5	Rivier College	M. E.
Zis, Cassandra	3	Grade 1	Rivier College	B. A.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
Caulfield, Hope	Nurse	Faneuf, Gladys	Aide - Grade 3
McGeoch, Rosalie	Nurse - p. t.	Leblanc, Donna	Aide - Grade 2
Duval, Patricia	Secretary	Martin, Katherine	Aide - Grade 1
Hart, Lucille	Secretary	Powers, Judith	Aide - Grade 4
Hauser, Wayne	Head Custodian	Trevathan, Paula	Aide - Grade 6
McIntyre, Ellsworth	Custodian	White, Margaret	Aide - Grade 5
Myhr, Olaf	Custodian	Young, Josephine	Aide - Grade 1
Palumbo, Nelson	Custodian		

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION 1972-73

Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D., Examiner
Hope Caulfield, R.N., School Nurse

Total Number of Children Examined	143
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Immunizations:

Polio Vaccine	850
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Tests:

Tuberculosis	79
Chest X-ray	4
Mantoux	4

Report of School Nurse

Vision Tests	900
Hearing Tests	900
Inspections	1,800
Heights	924
Weights	924
First Aid	1,900
Medications	1,800

Vaccinations and Communicable Diseases

Measles	5
Pediculosis	14
Impetigo	2
Scarlet Fever	2
Strep Throat	28
Conjunctivitis	4

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

Defects Found by Medical Examination

	Defects	Treatments
Lungs	1	1
Heart	3	3
Orthopedic	1	1
Nutrition	1	1
Hernia	3	3

Defects Found by School Nurse

	Defects	Treatments
Vision	26	26
Hearing	8	8
Skin	12	12
Scalp	12	12
Teeth	7	7
Tonsils	3	3

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Clinics and Special Referrals

	No. Examined	No. Children Treated
Pre-school Clinic	150	2
Dental	8	8
Mental Hygiene	1	1

Number of home visits — contacts by school nurse	400
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SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

March 2, 1973

The annual meeting of the School District of Amherst at the Wilkins School was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Moderator Creeley Buchanan. Rev. Arnold Johnson offered a prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 136 voters present.

Mr. Buchanan dispensed with the reading of the entire warrant, reading only the call.

Article 1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district. Mr. Stearns moved that Article 1 be passed over and taken up under Article 5. Seconded. Motion carried.

Article 2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto. Mr. Stearns moved that we accept all reports as printed in the School Report. He amended the motion to include the name of Joseph Hoag in the Building Committee on page 13 of the report. Seconded. Motion carried.

Article 3. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Mr. Hare moved that the Town Auditors serve as School Auditors. Seconded. Motion carried.

Article 4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency. Mr. Hare moved the above article. Seconded. Motion carried.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Mr. Dudley moved that the sum of \$1,901,675.16 be raised and appropriated for this article. A budget explanation was distributed on entrance and Mr. Dudley clarified the increases totaling \$334,509; 4.7% in Amherst operations, 15.7% in Milford and 174.1% for debt service, a total increase of 21.3%. Mr. Lown of the Ways and Means Committee recommended a "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Article 6. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. Mr. Dudley explained the status of the new elementary school, with bids to be let out between March 9 and 16, and work to begin in the spring. Mr. Jack Freeman reported on the progress of the Long Range Study Committee, with a report to be mailed to residents about May 15, with recommendations.

Mr. Ainsworth moved adjournment. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING March 6, 1973

Acting under the warrant for the annual school meeting, the polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. Moderator M. A. Wight, Town Clerk Bernice Boothroyd, and School Clerk Louise Ainsworth had charge of the voting. 1131 votes were cast. The results were: School District Clerk, Louise Ainsworth, 1075; School District Moderator, Creeley Buchanan, 961; School Treasurer, Louise Ainsworth, 1063; Member of the School Board for three years, Herbert C. Stearns, 1042.

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

June 29, 1973

A special meeting of the School District of Amherst at the Wilkins School was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by the Moderator Creeley Buchanan. Rev. Arnold Johnson offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Buchanan read the warrant. There were approximately 450 present.

Mr. Hare moved that the school district accept the amendments providing for the withdrawal of Amherst, grades 7 and 8, from the Milford AREA in accordance with the plan on file with the school district clerk. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley introduced Supt. Roland Schoepf, Principal Paul Collins, and the School Board.

Mr. Dudley briefly covered the highlights of the brochure distributed to Amherst and Milford voters. He reviewed the events leading to the present over-crowded situation. If Amherst and Milford both vote today in favor of the amendment, the Amherst School Board will propose to add to the new school and convert it to a Middle School.

Mr. Thomas Clark of the Long Range Study Committee reviewed the work of this committee which recommends withdrawal of the 7th and 8th grades.

Questions from the floor were answered, clarifying how rental is computed, the type of education that would be offered, and the agreement with Milford for the payment for empty seats.

The polls were opened at 8:35 and balloting was by checklist with Mr. A. Wight, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. J. Hoag, Mr. J. Freeman and Mr. P. Dunlap at the ballot boxes and counting, and supervisors of the checklist Mrs. Audrey Spalding, Mrs. Rosemary Biddle and Mr. Robert Wishart on the checklists, and Clerk Louise Ainsworth in charge. The polls were closed at 9:15. A total of 431 votes were cast, 343 "yes"; 88 "no".

Mr. Dudley moved adjournment. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

September 21, 1973

A special meeting of the School District of Amherst on Sept. 21, 1973, in the Wilkins School auditorium was called to order by Moderator Creeley Buchanan at 8:00 p.m., following which the warrant was read.

Mr. Eric Hare moved that the Amherst School District appropriate nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) for the constructing and originally equipping and furnishing additions to the new elementary school authorized November 17, 1972, so that it can be used as a Middle School; that to raise this appropriation, the School District be authorized to borrow \$950,000 under the Municipal Finance Act, that in addition to the foregoing appropriation, the School Board be authorized to apply any Federal or other funds toward the foregoing purpose according to the terms under which such funds are received; that any interest received from temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall likewise be applied for such purposes and that the School Board be authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this vote. The motion was seconded by Tom Grella of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Dudley introduced the people on the stage: Mr. Young, the architect; Mr. Kelly of the Building Committee; Supt. Schoepf; Principal Paul Collins, and the School Board.

Mr. Dudley explained the brochure which was given to all those in attendance, noting that to accomodate the seventh and eighth grades which the town voted to withdraw on June 29, two additions are needed.

Mrs. Puddington of the Ways and Means Committee noted that this Committee recommends a "yes" vote based on necessity and financial economy.

At the request of Mr. Russell Steeves, Mr. Hare and Mr. Grella agreed to delete that portion of the motion relative to the expenditure of interest: "that any interest received from temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall likewise be applied for such purposes."

The Moderator declared the polls open at 8:36 p.m. for two hours, closing at 10:36 p.m., with clerk Louise Ainsworth in charge. Voting was by ballot and checklist, with Supervisors Mrs. Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart, and Mrs. Rosemary Biddle assisting. Result of the vote: 334 votes cast; needed to pass, 226; "yes" 285; "no" 49; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

